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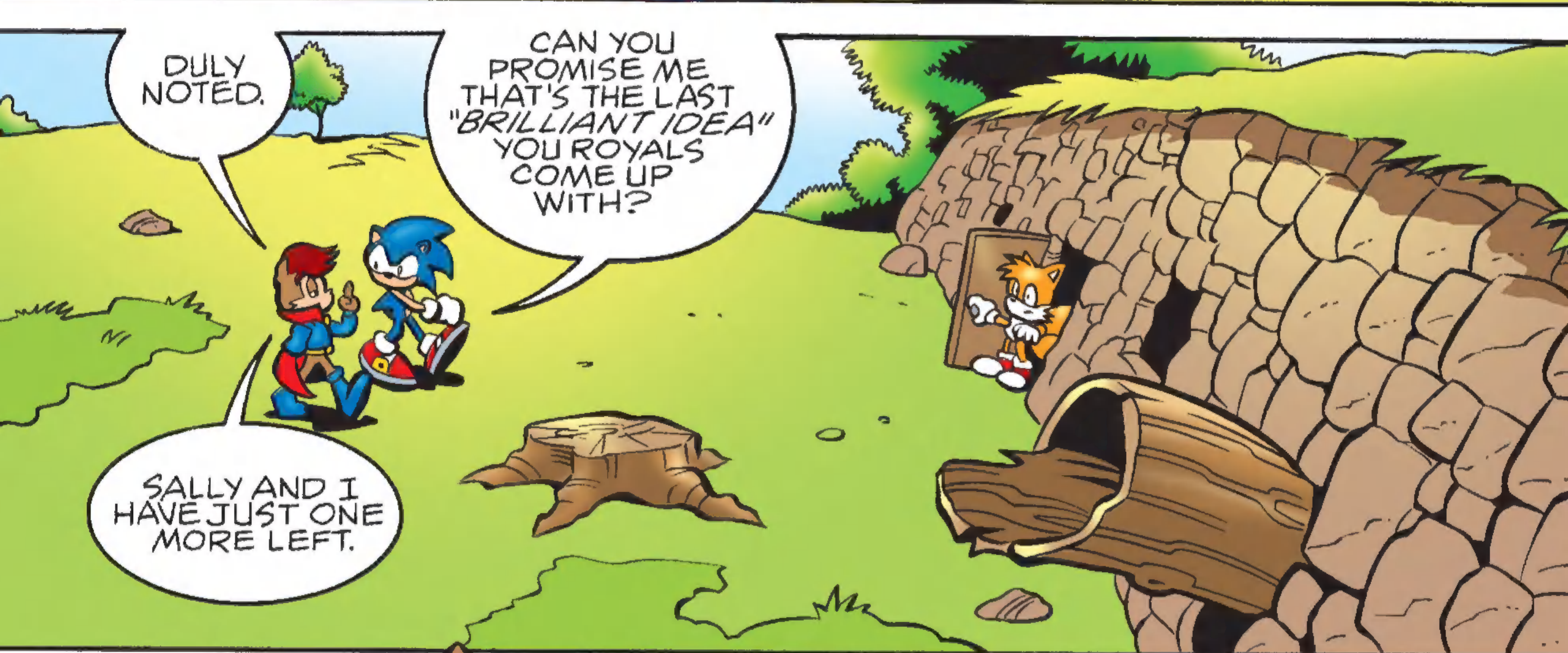
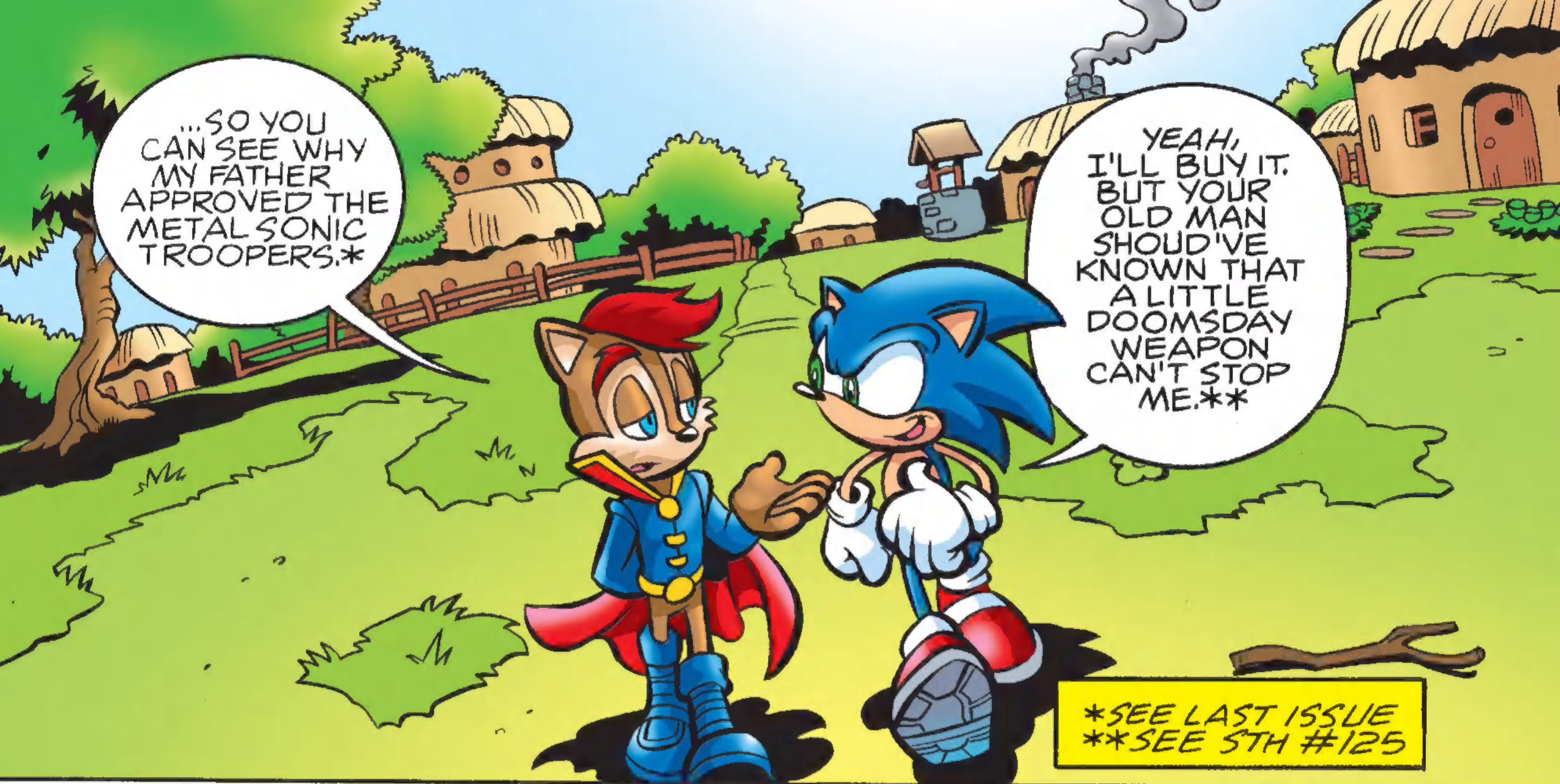
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OUT OF  
THE BLUE







# BIRTHDAY BASH!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
SONIC

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
HAND-  
SOME!

YOU GUYS  
FIXED UP  
THE OLD  
BASE!\*

\*REMEMBER? WAY  
BACK IN STH # 1!

A PLACE FOR  
THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS TO PLAN,  
A NEW FOCAL  
POINT FOR DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK THAT IS  
AWAY FROM OUR  
FAMILIES...

...AND A  
STEP BACK  
TO SIMPLER  
TIMES. HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
SONIC.

THANKS,  
SAL.

SO, BLUE...  
HOW OLD ARE  
YOU NOW?

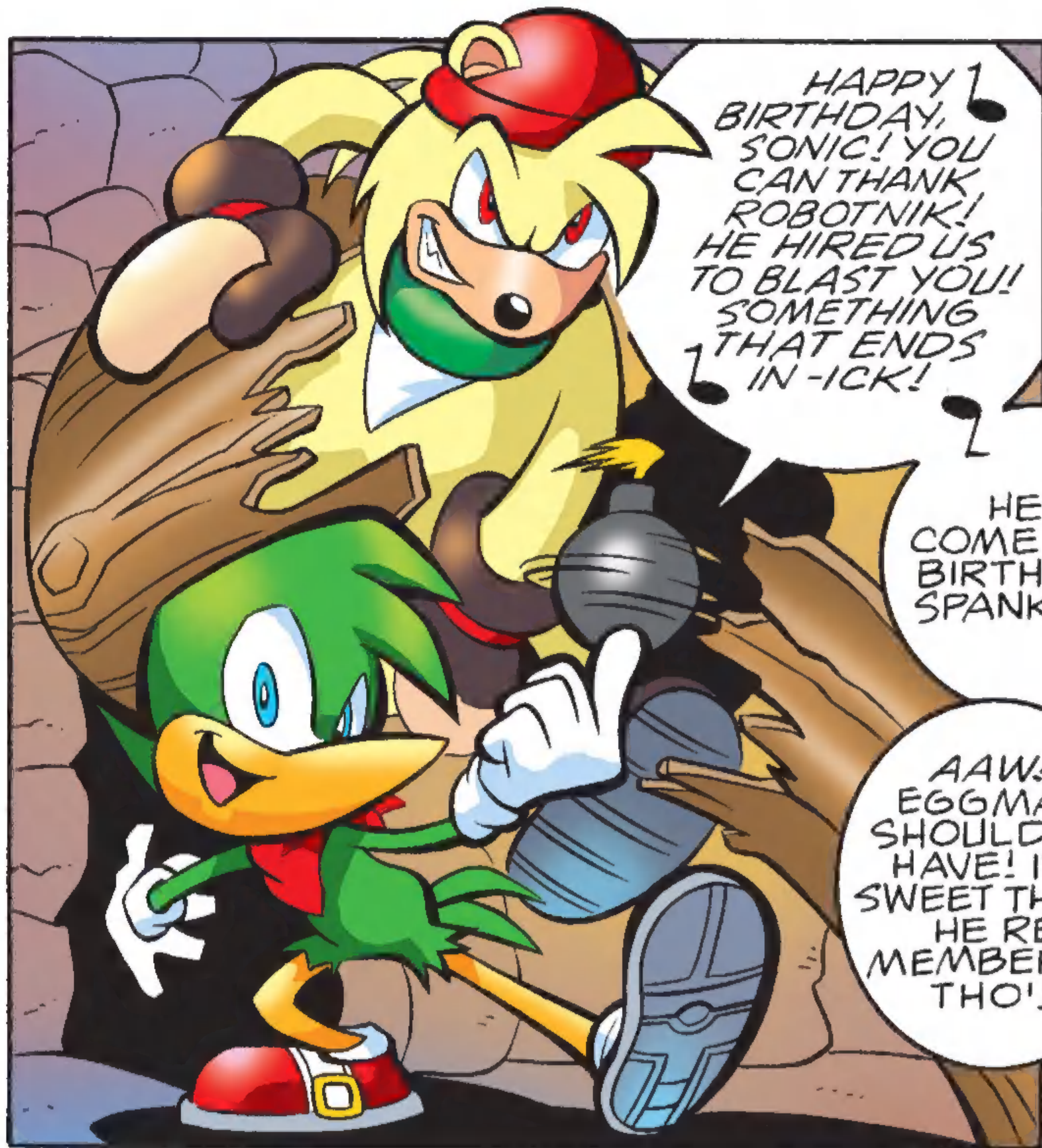
WELL, IF WE  
TAKE HIS TRIP  
INTO SPACE  
INTO  
ACCOUNT...  
\*\*

LET'S CALL  
ME A TEEN  
FROM NOW  
TIL FOREVER.

\*\*SEE STH#126

KA  
BOOM





HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC! YOU CAN THANK ROBOTNIK! HE HIRED US TO BLAST YOU! SOMETHING THAT ENDS IN -ICK!

HERE COME YOUR BIRTHDAY SPANKINGS!

AAW! EGGMAN SHOULDN'T HAVE! IT'S SWEET THAT HE REMEMBERED, THO'!

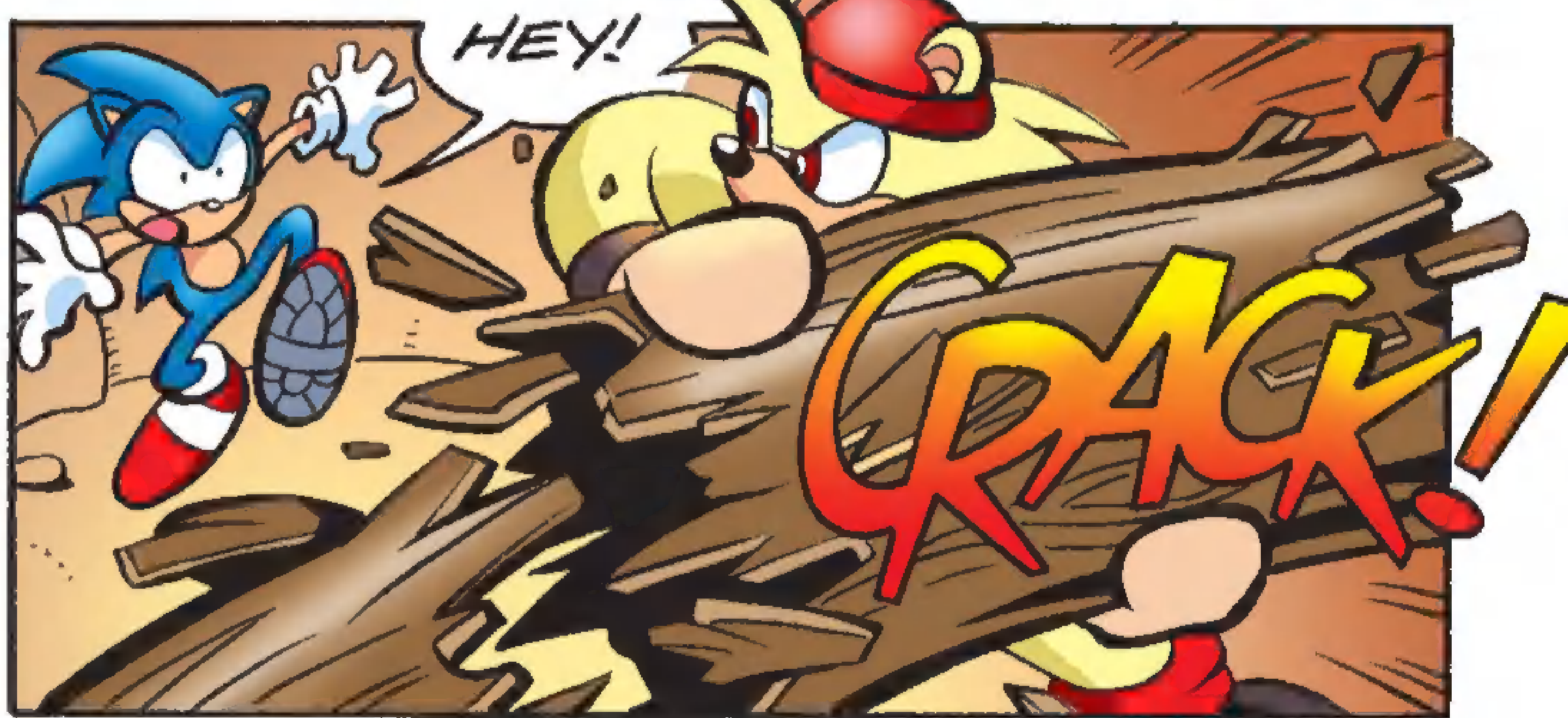


WITH NACK IN JAIL\*, I GUESS HE HAD TO SHOP FOR NEW THUGS. YOU LOOK LIKE QUITE THE FIGHTER!

AND ONE FOR YOU! AND ONE FOR YOU! AND ONE FOR YOU!

BAM!

\*SEE STH #154.



HEY!

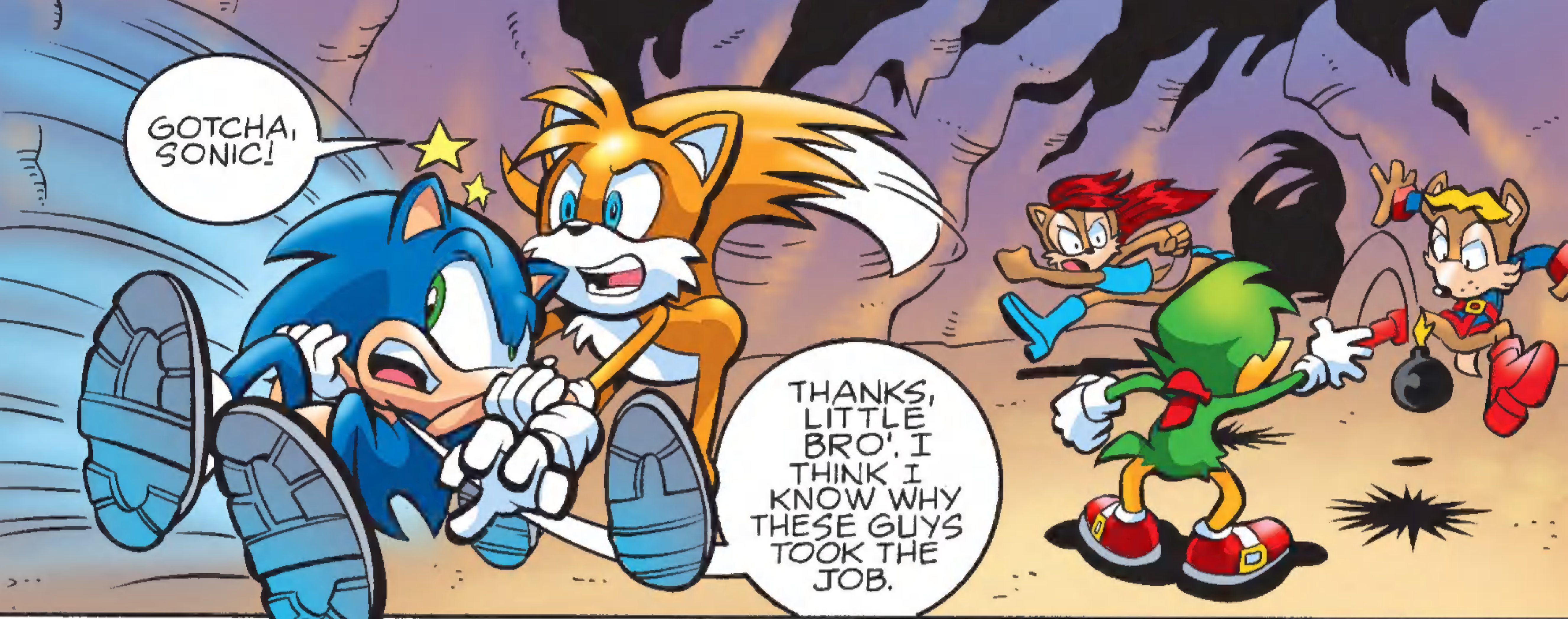
CRACK!



DON'T TRASH THE GREAT OAK SL--

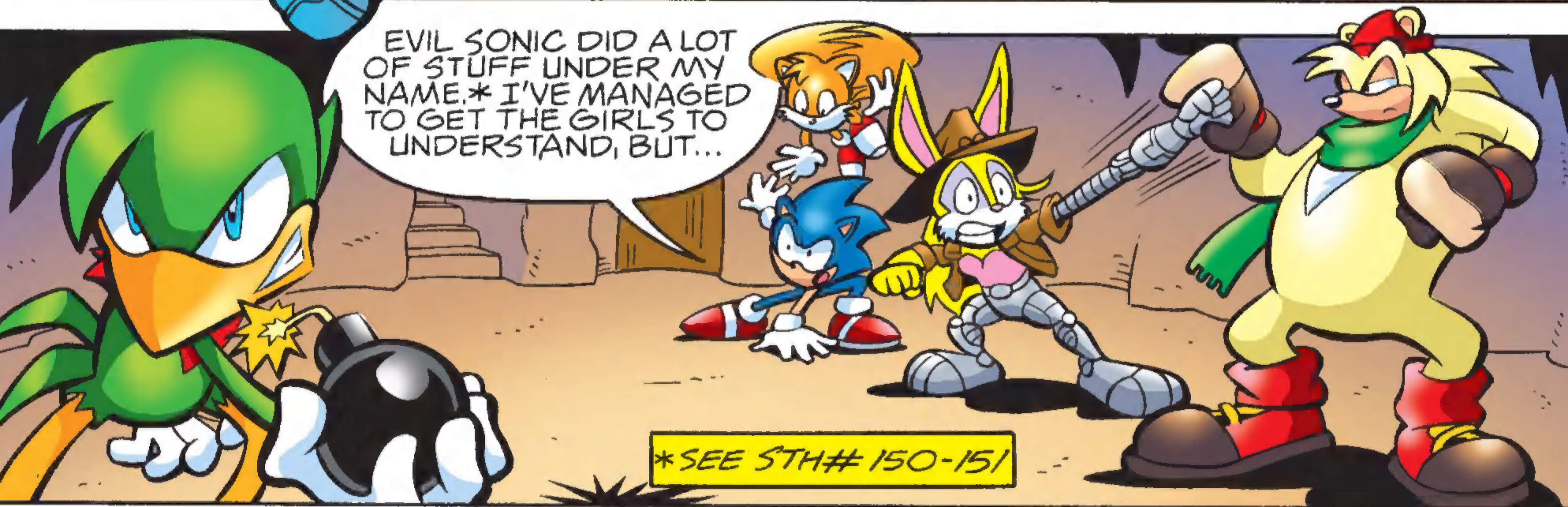
OOOF!





GOTCHA, SONIC!

THANKS, LITTLE BRO'. I THINK I KNOW WHY THESE GUYS TOOK THE JOB.



EVIL SONIC DID A LOT OF STUFF UNDER MY NAME.\* I'VE MANAGED TO GET THE GIRLS TO UNDERSTAND, BUT...

\*SEE STH# 150-151



TIME-OUT, BUDDY!

I THINK THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE, THERE'S A JERK WHO LOOKS LIKE ME WHO CAUSED SOME TROUBLE A BIT BACK, AND...

NO MISTAKE THERE, MISTER NEEDLEMOUSE! SO YOU GOT AN EVIL TWIN?







LET THE MASTER THIEF STEAL THE GEM AND LEAVE THE DECOY DUTIES TO--



--EVIL SONIC?!



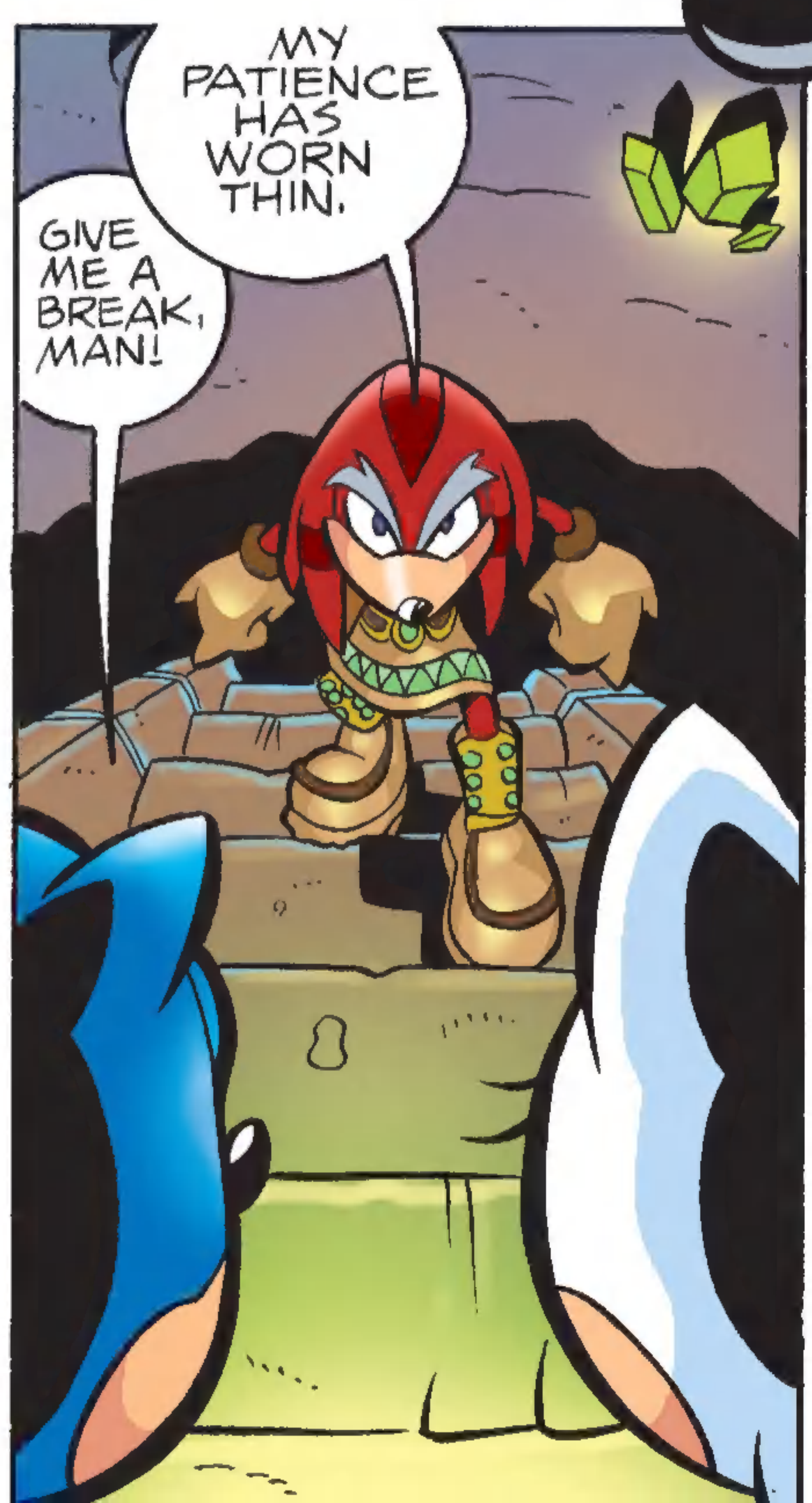
THE DEAL WAS... YOU DISTRACT HIM THIS TIME!

I DIDN'T SEE HIM, SO I FIGURED HE'D GOTTEN TO YOU ALREADY!

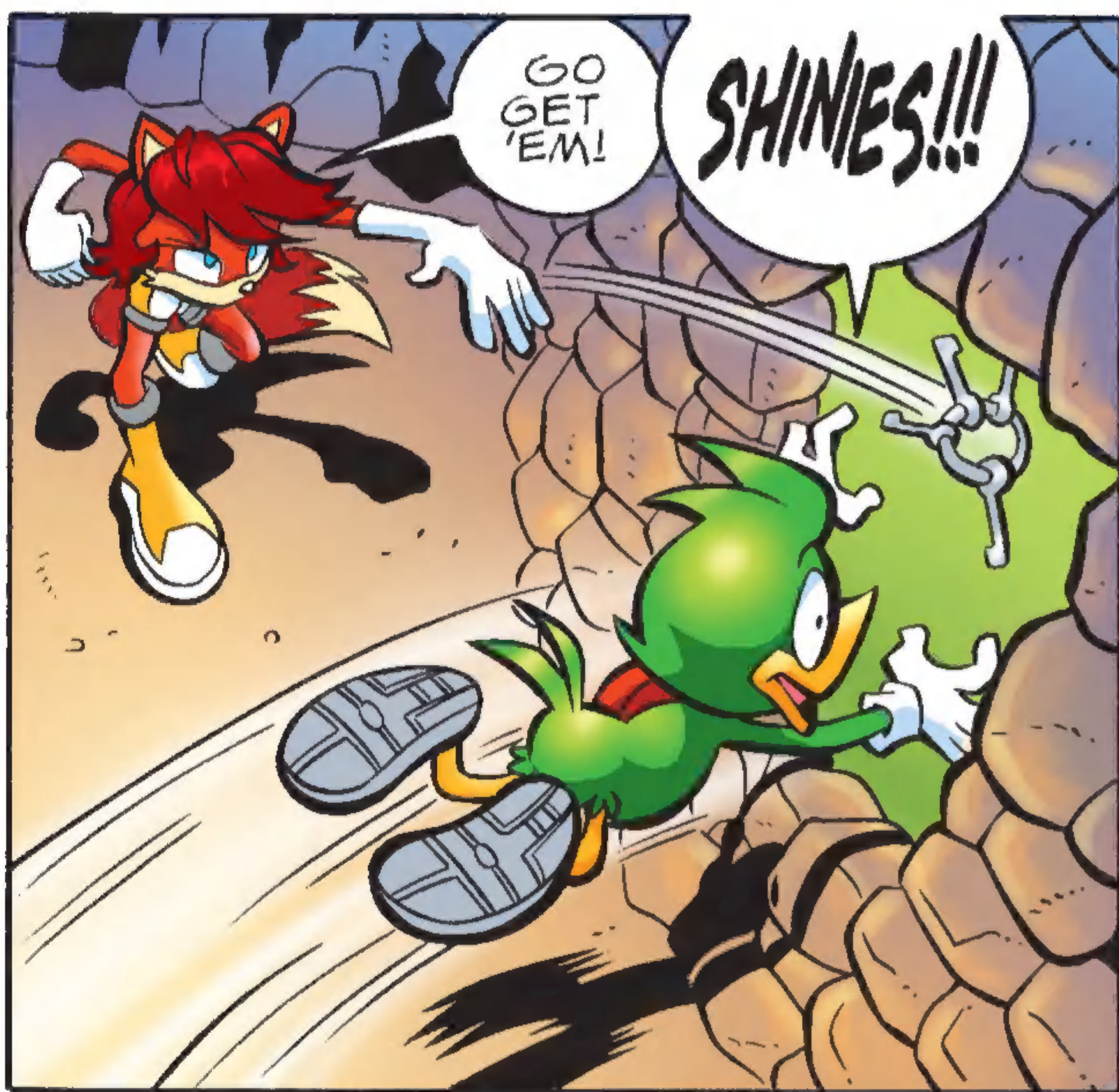


MY PATIENCE HAS WORN THIN.

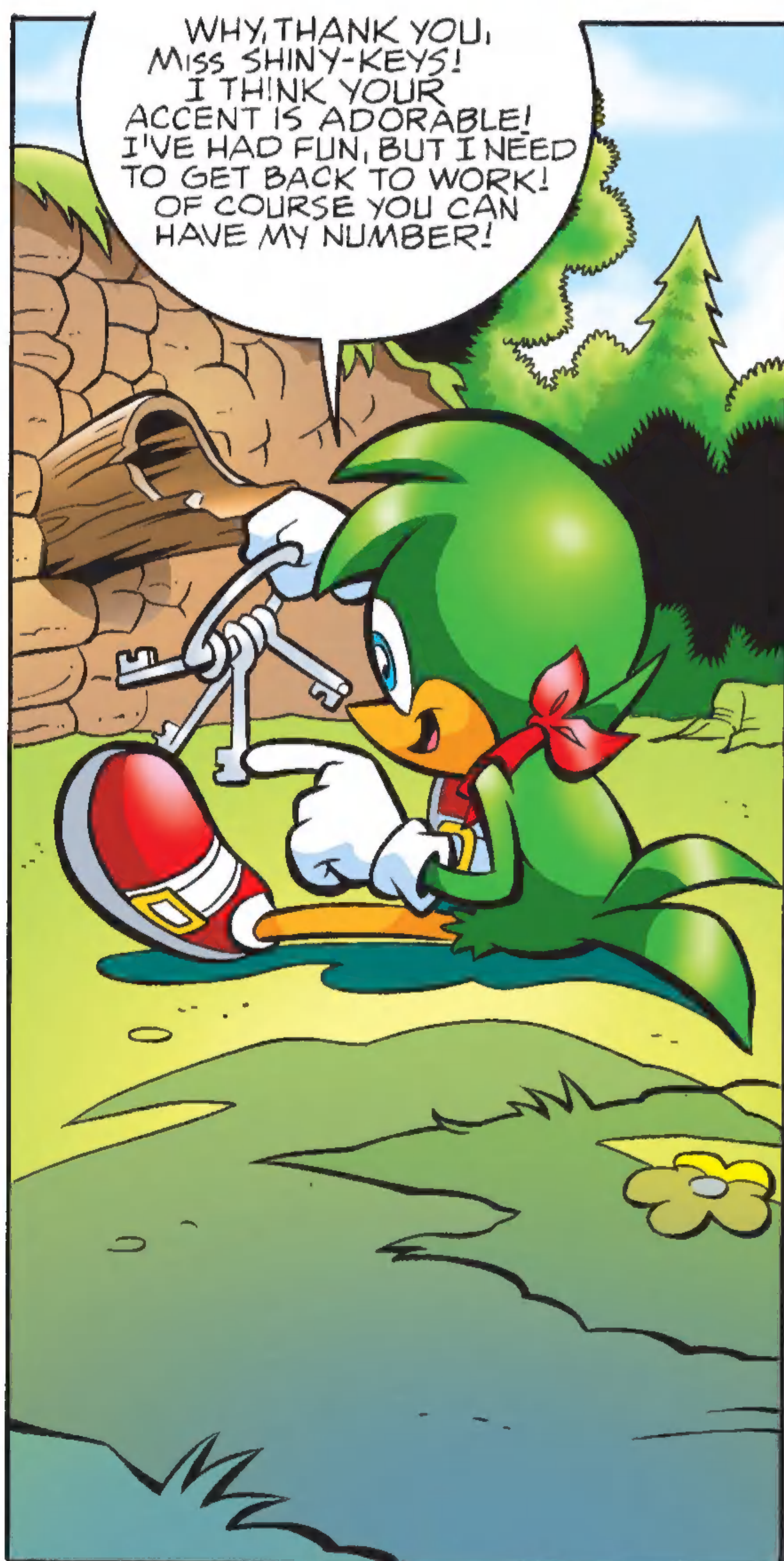
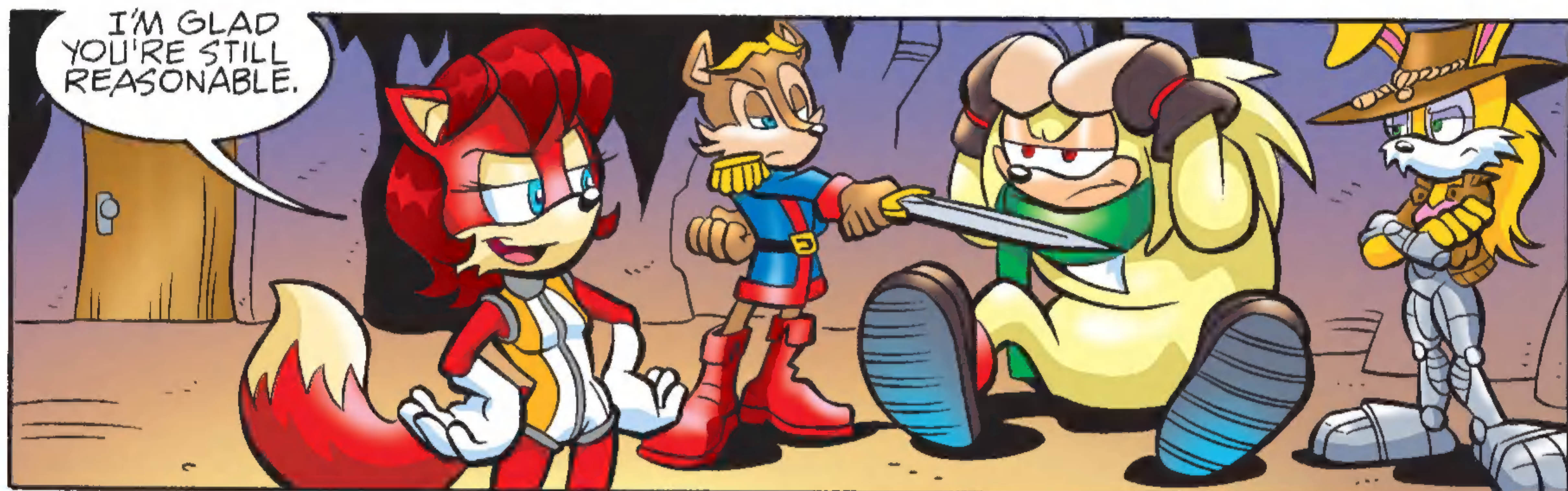
GIVE ME A BREAK, MAN!









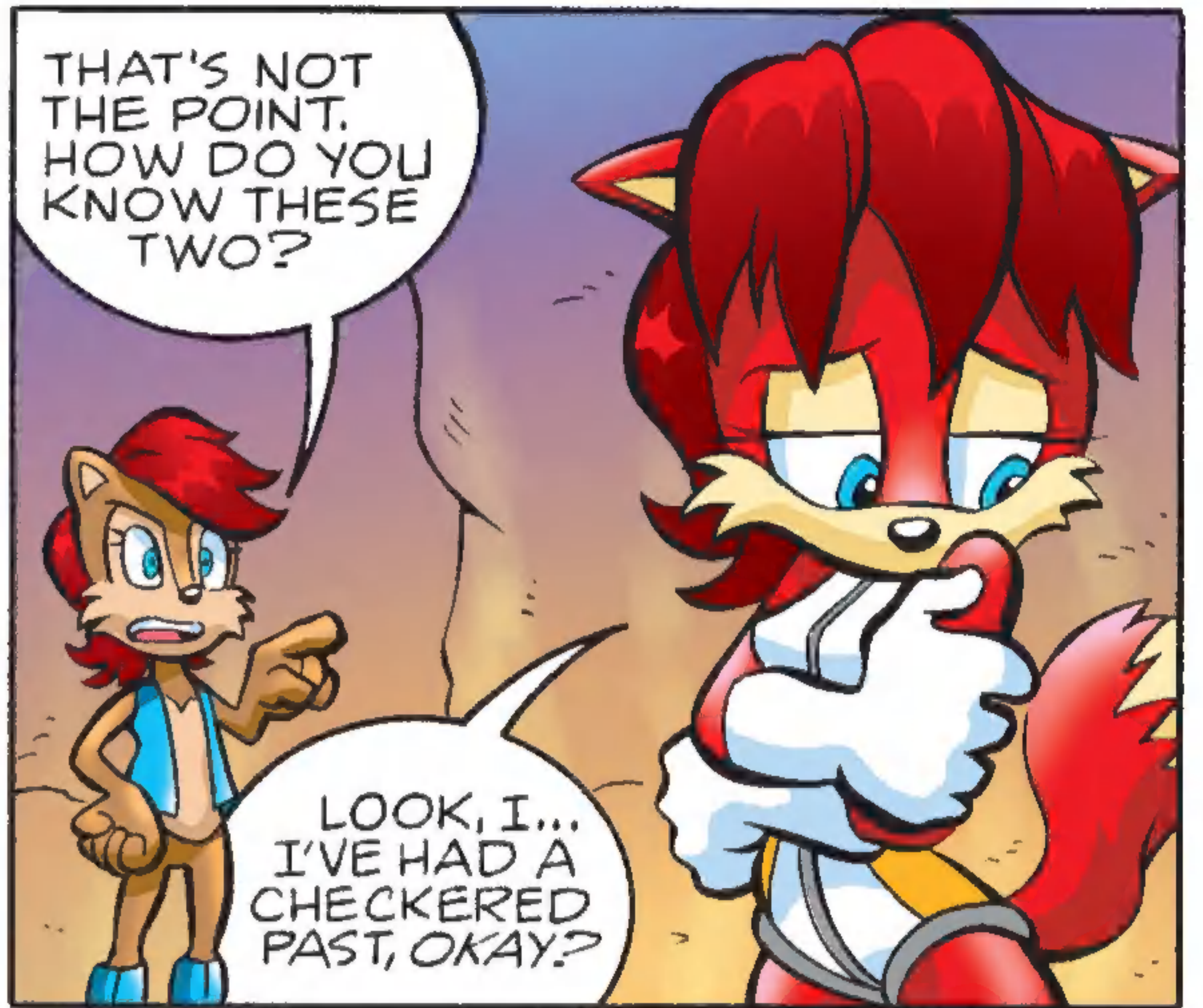






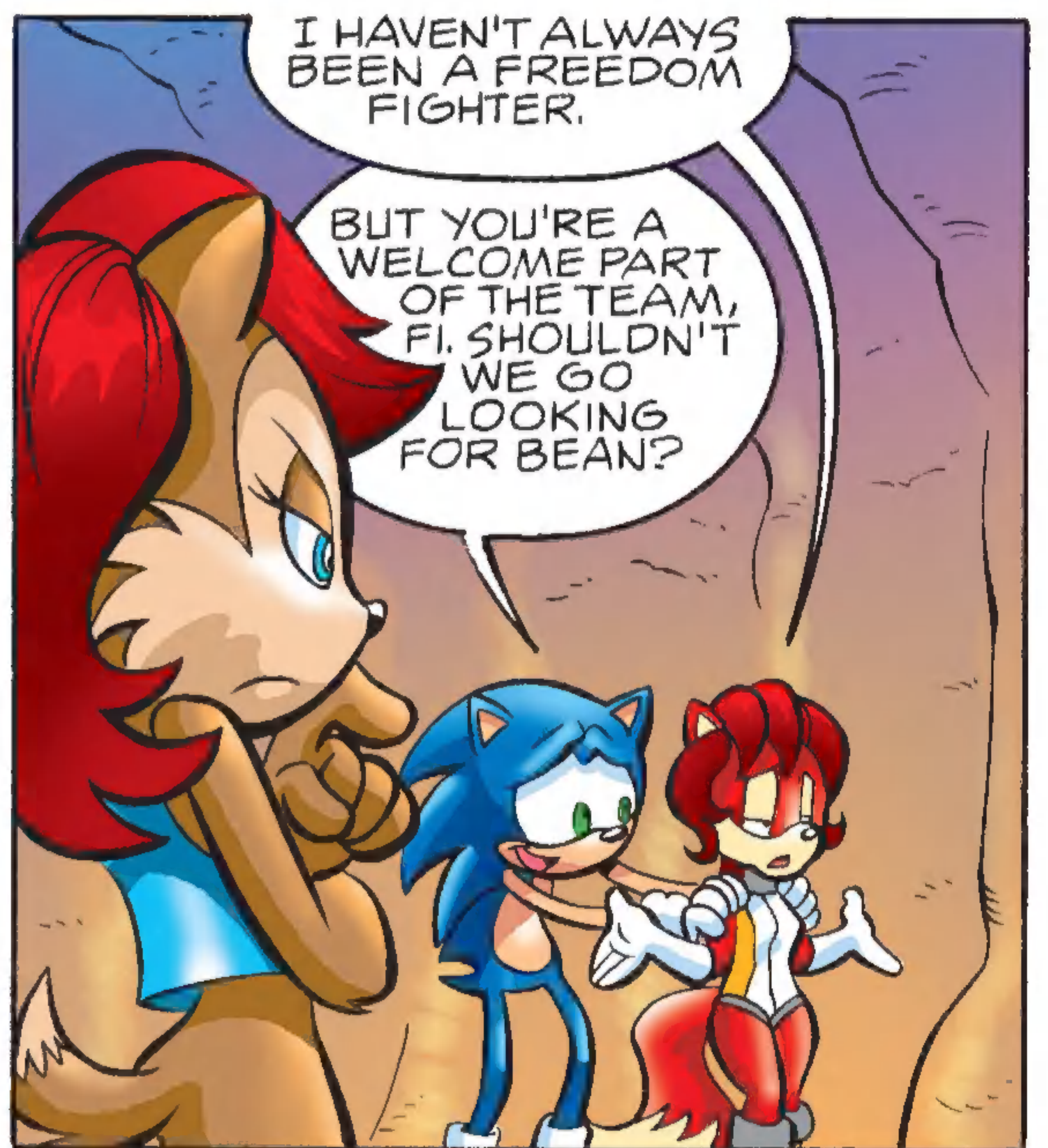
YOU HAVE  
A LOT OF  
EXPLAINING  
TO DO,  
FIONA!

SORRY  
FOR  
HELPING  
OUT. GO,  
TEAM.



THAT'S NOT  
THE POINT.  
HOW DO YOU  
KNOW THESE  
TWO?

LOOK, I...  
I'VE HAD A  
CHECKERED  
PAST, OKAY?



I HAVEN'T ALWAYS  
BEEN A FREEDOM  
FIGHTER.

BUT YOU'RE A  
WELCOME PART  
OF THE TEAM,  
FI. SHOULDN'T  
WE GO  
LOOKING  
FOR BEAN?

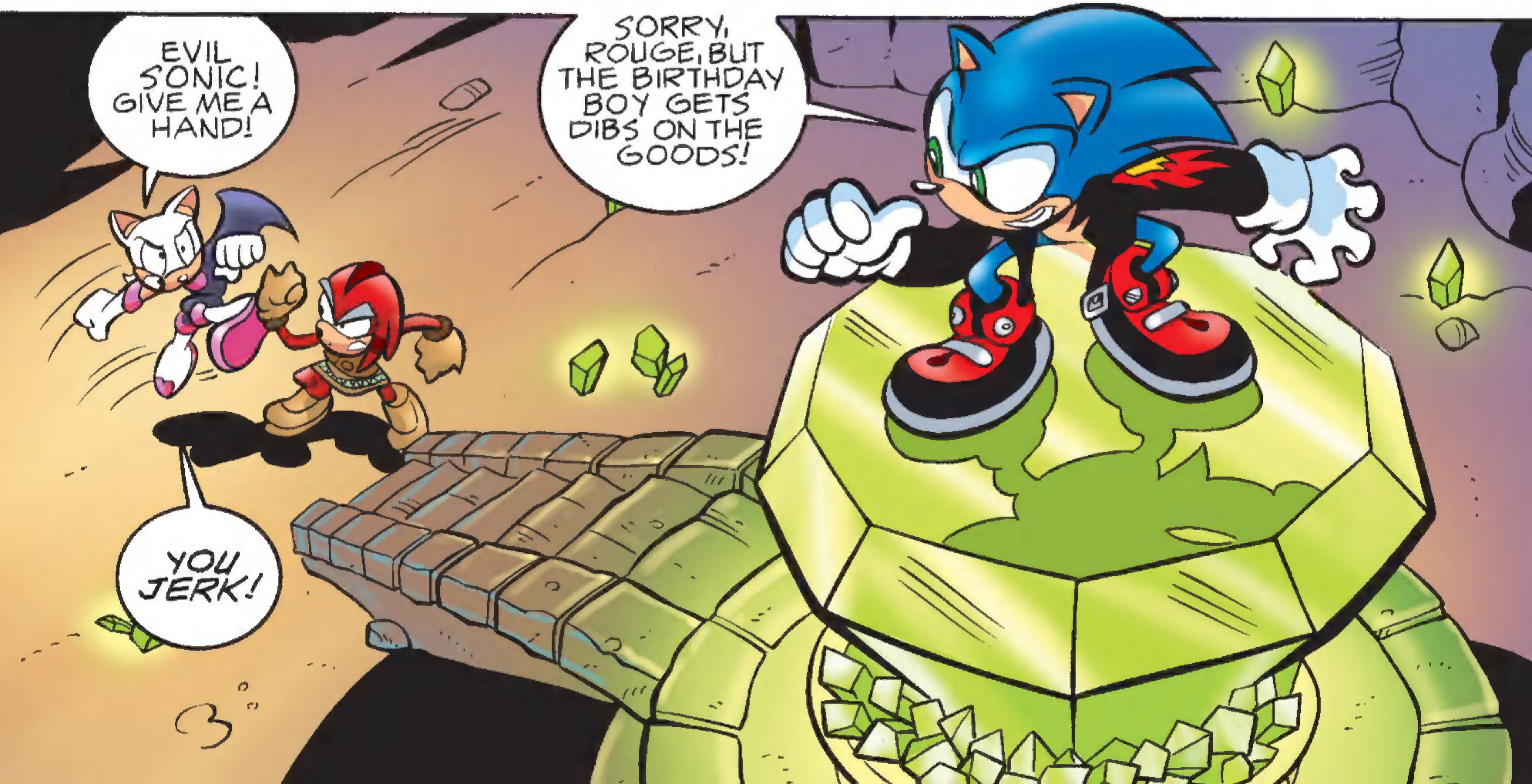
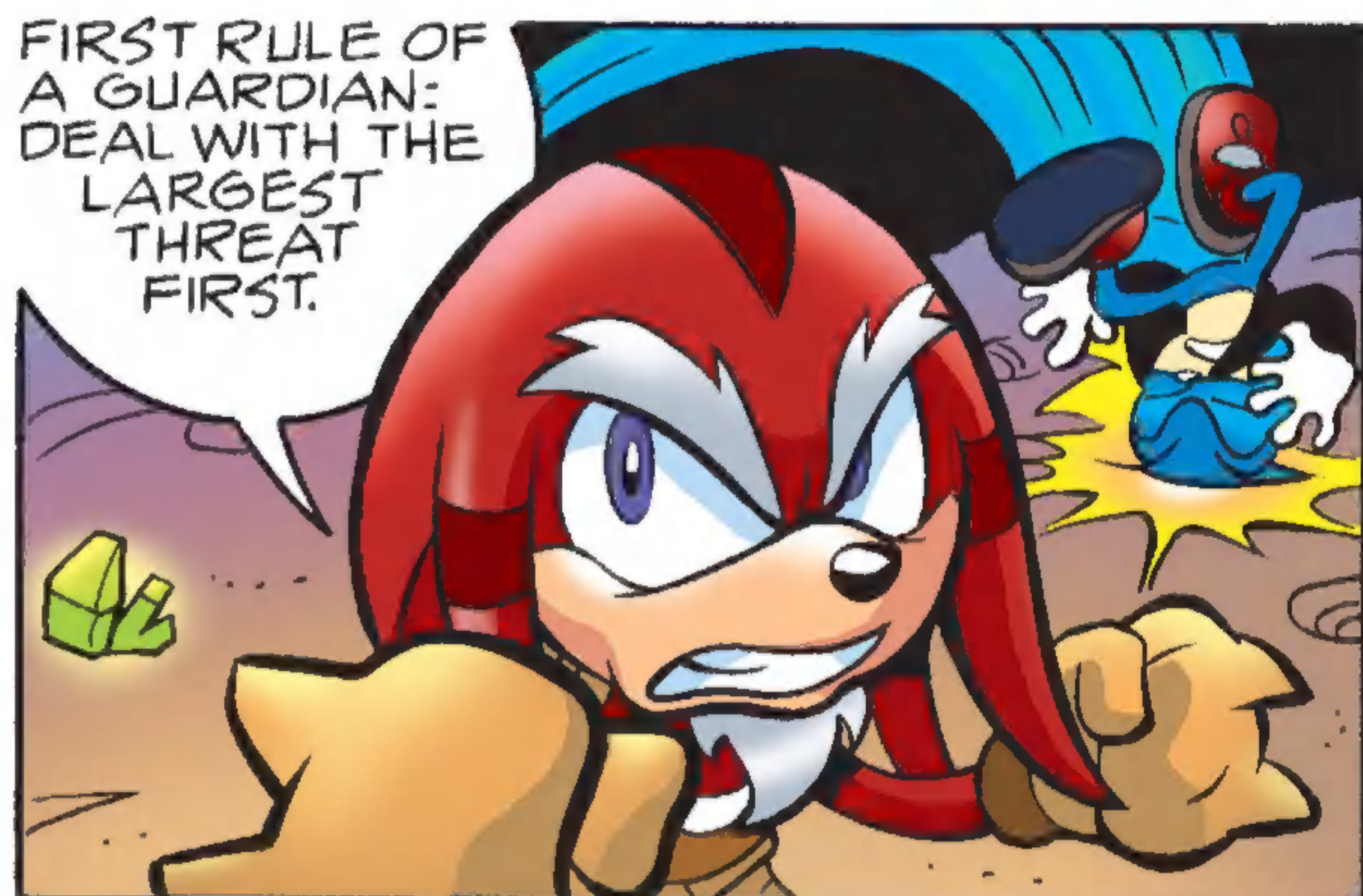
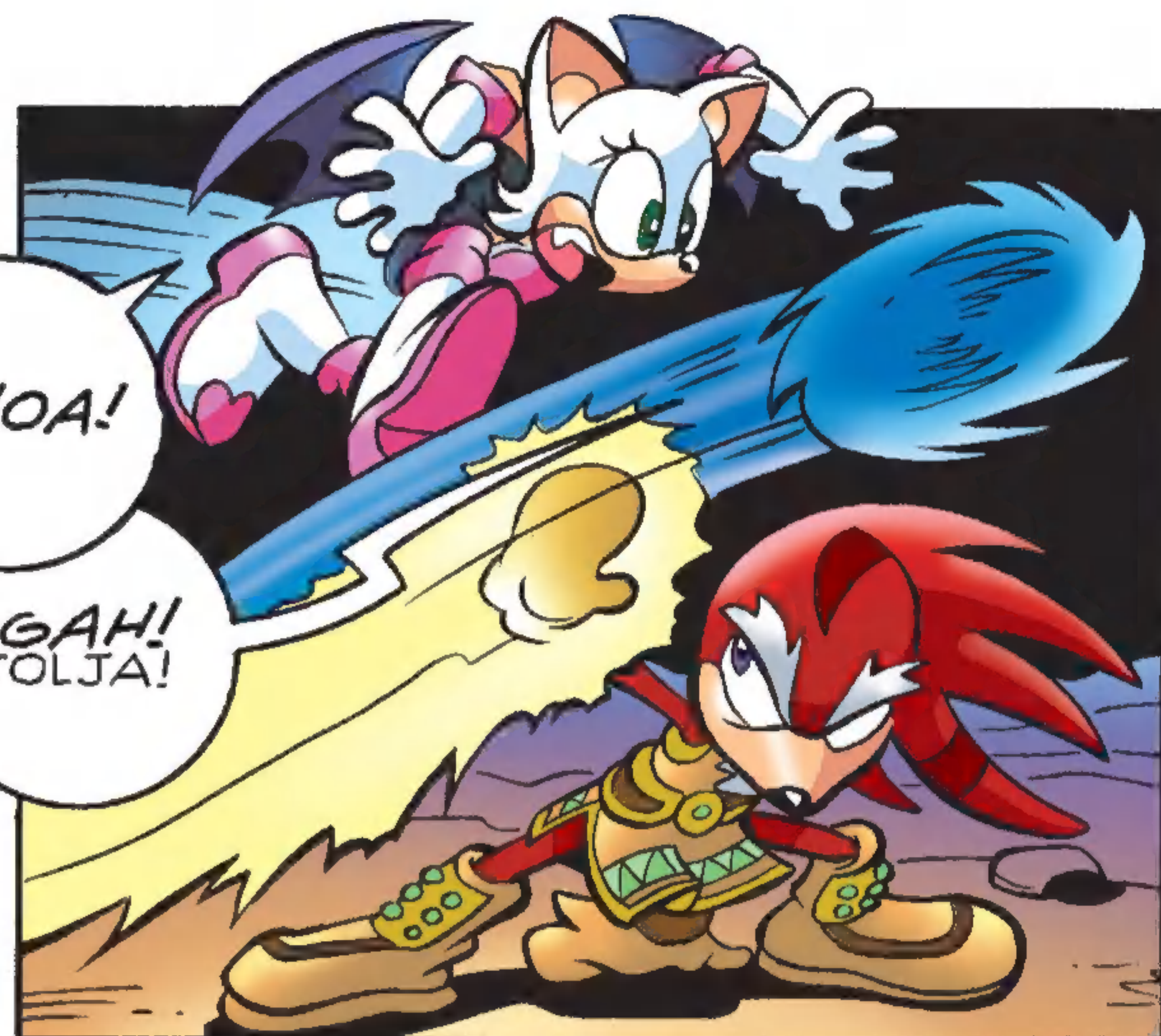
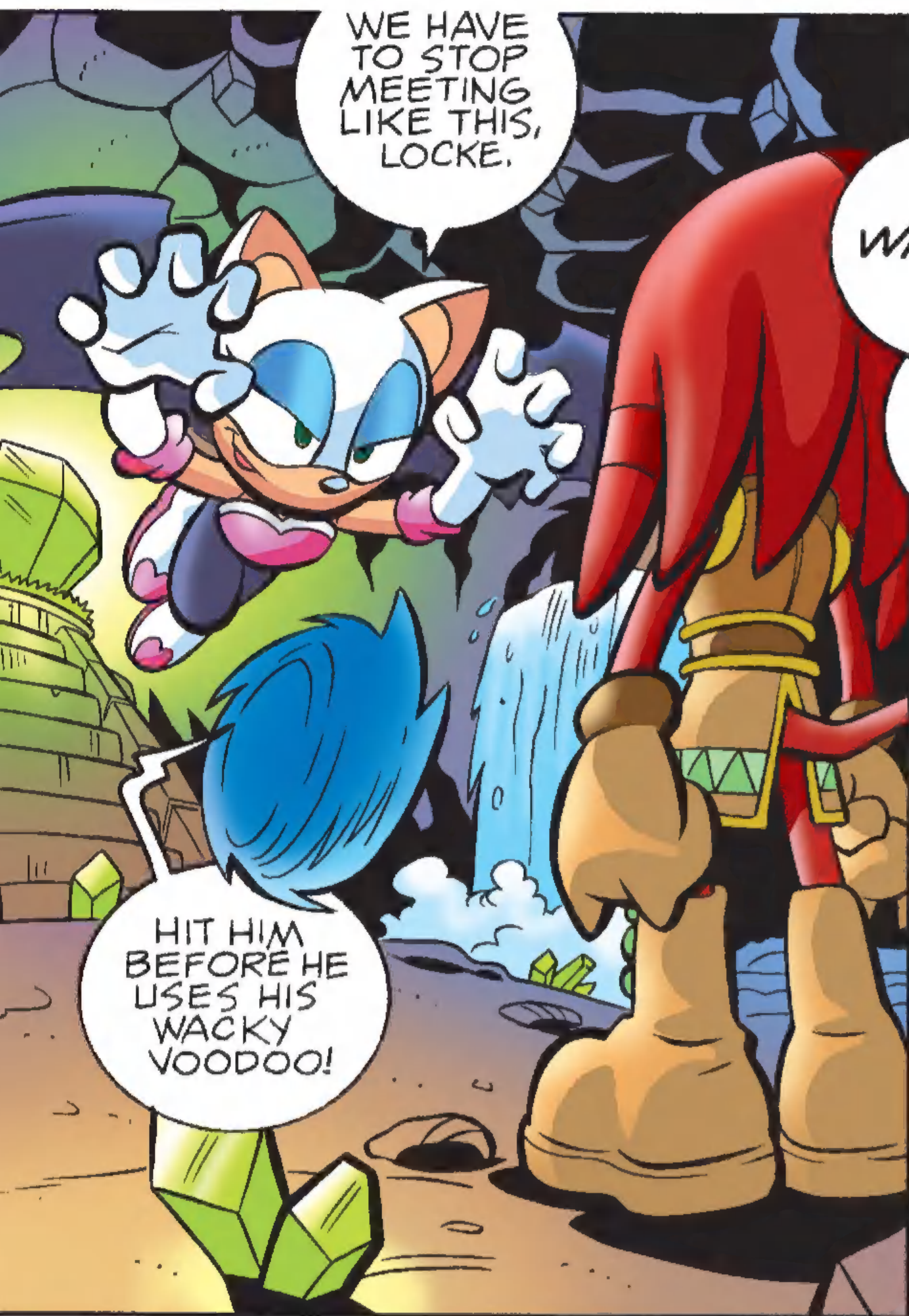


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NEED.



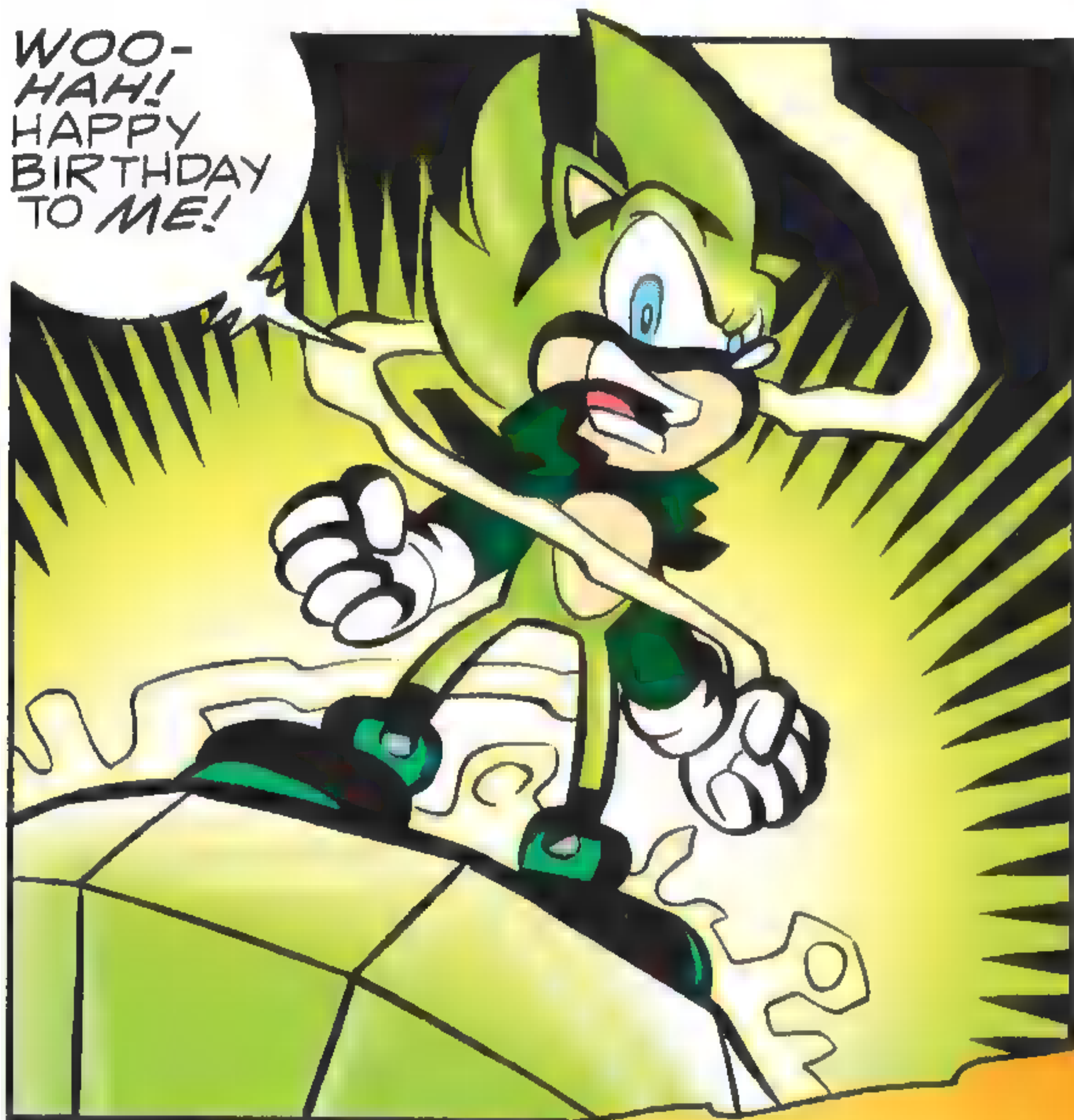
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY, BLUE  
HEDGEHOG.  
I CLEANED  
YOUR YARD  
FOR YOU.







WOO-  
HAH!  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO ME!



LOOKS LIKE YOUR  
PRIORITIES JUST  
SHIFTED.  
SERVES YOU  
RIGHT, TRAITOR.

NO!!!

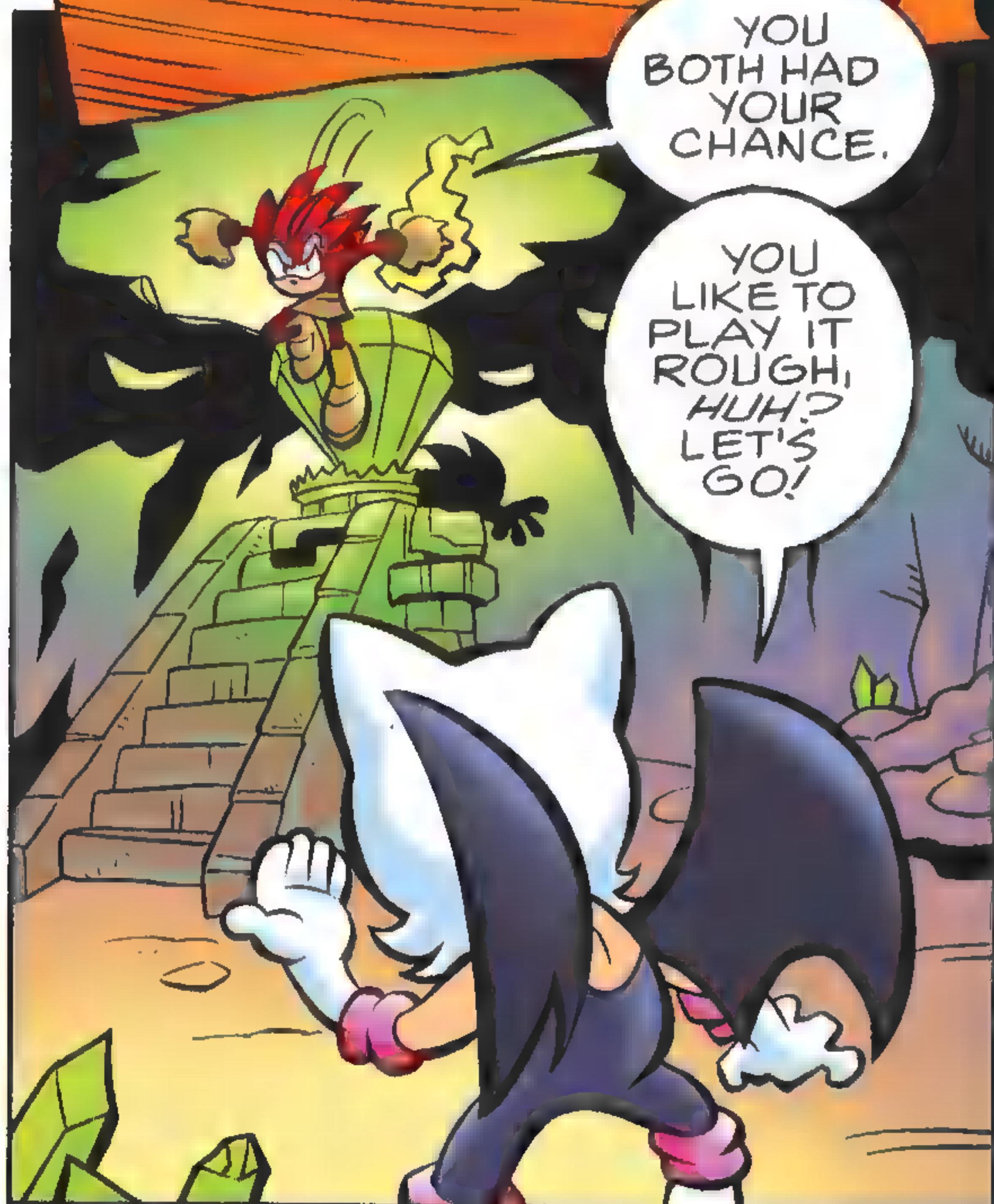


GET OFF  
OF THE  
MASTER  
EMERALD!

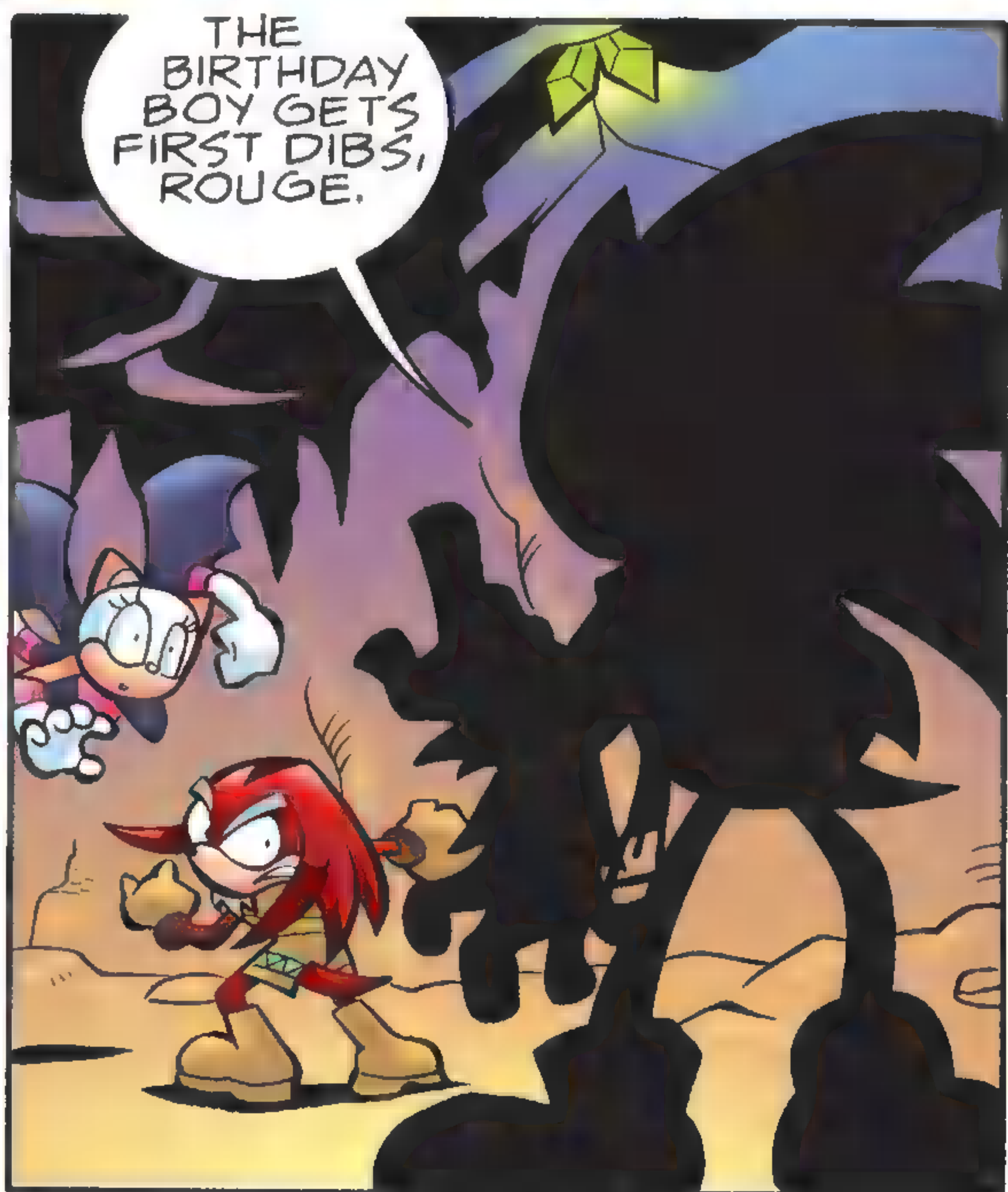


YOU  
BOTH HAD  
YOUR  
CHANCE.

YOU  
LIKE TO  
PLAY IT  
ROUGH,  
HUH?  
LET'S  
GO!



THE  
BIRTHDAY  
BOY GETS  
FIRST DIBS,  
ROUGE.





SO, WHAT'S THE OCCASION, FAKER? AS YOU CAN SEE, MY DANCE CARD IS FULL.

I DID NOT COME TO FIGHT, BLUE HEDGEHOG. I CAME TO THANK YOU.

THANK ME?

WITHOUT YOU, THE METAL SONIC TROOPS WOULD'VE KILLED HOPE.\* YOU WERE THERE FOR HER WHEN I SHOULD HAVE BEEN. SO...THANK YOU.

\*SEE  
LAST  
ISSUE

KNOW THAT THIS CHANGES NOTHING. FOR THE MOMENT, I WORK WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, AND WE ARE ENEMIES.

IT'D BE BORING OTHERWISE. FEEL FREE TO GET A CLUE AND QUIT EGGMAN ANY TIME, THOUGH.

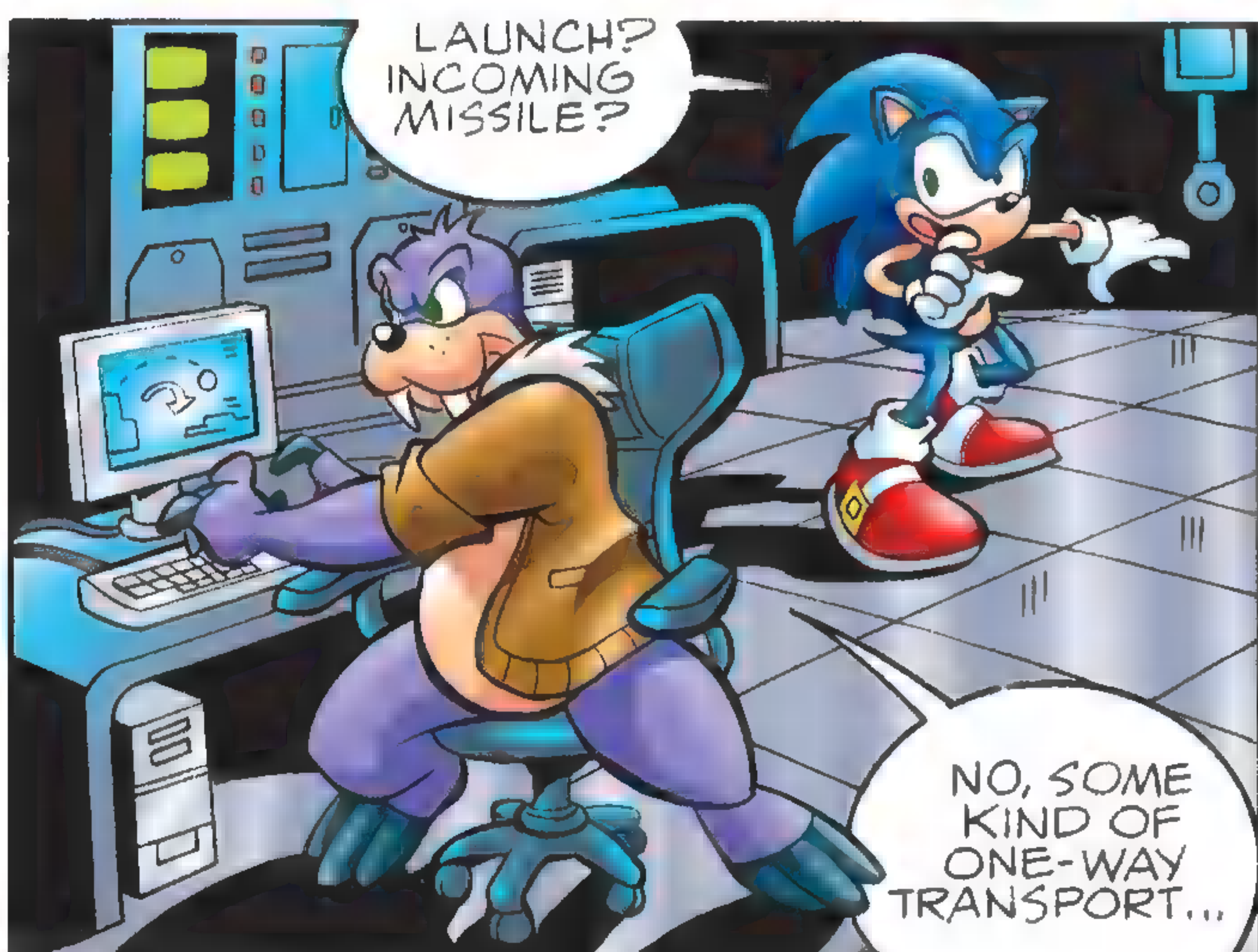
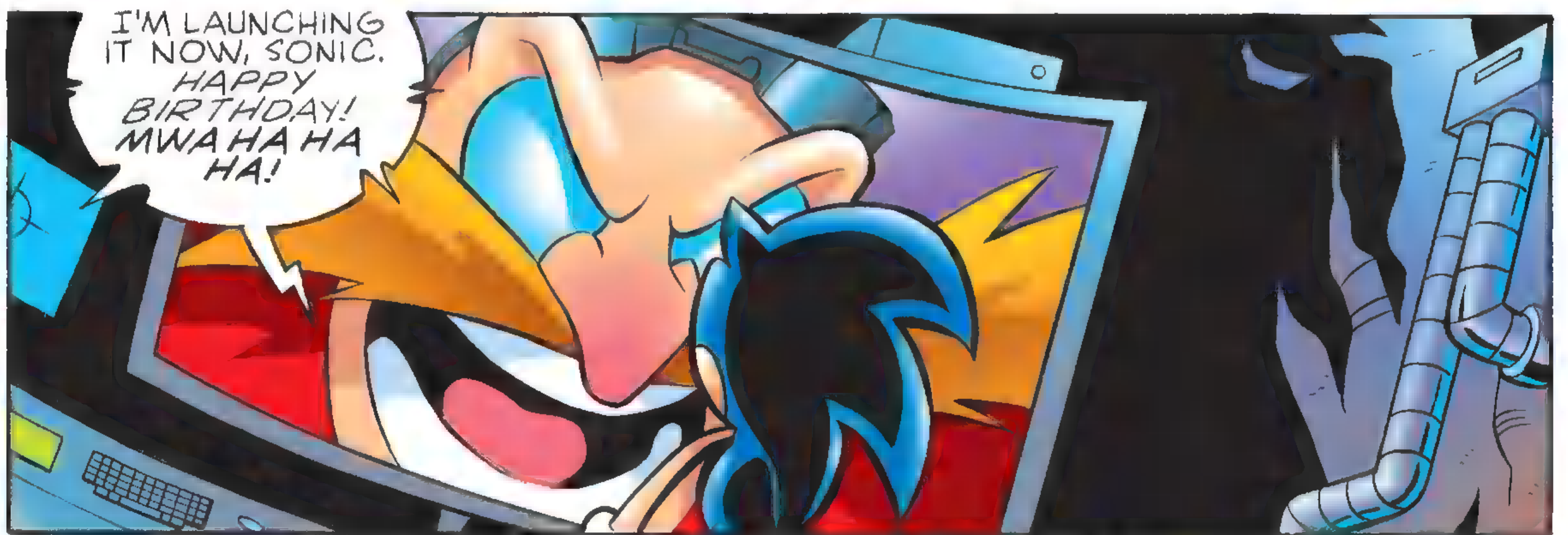
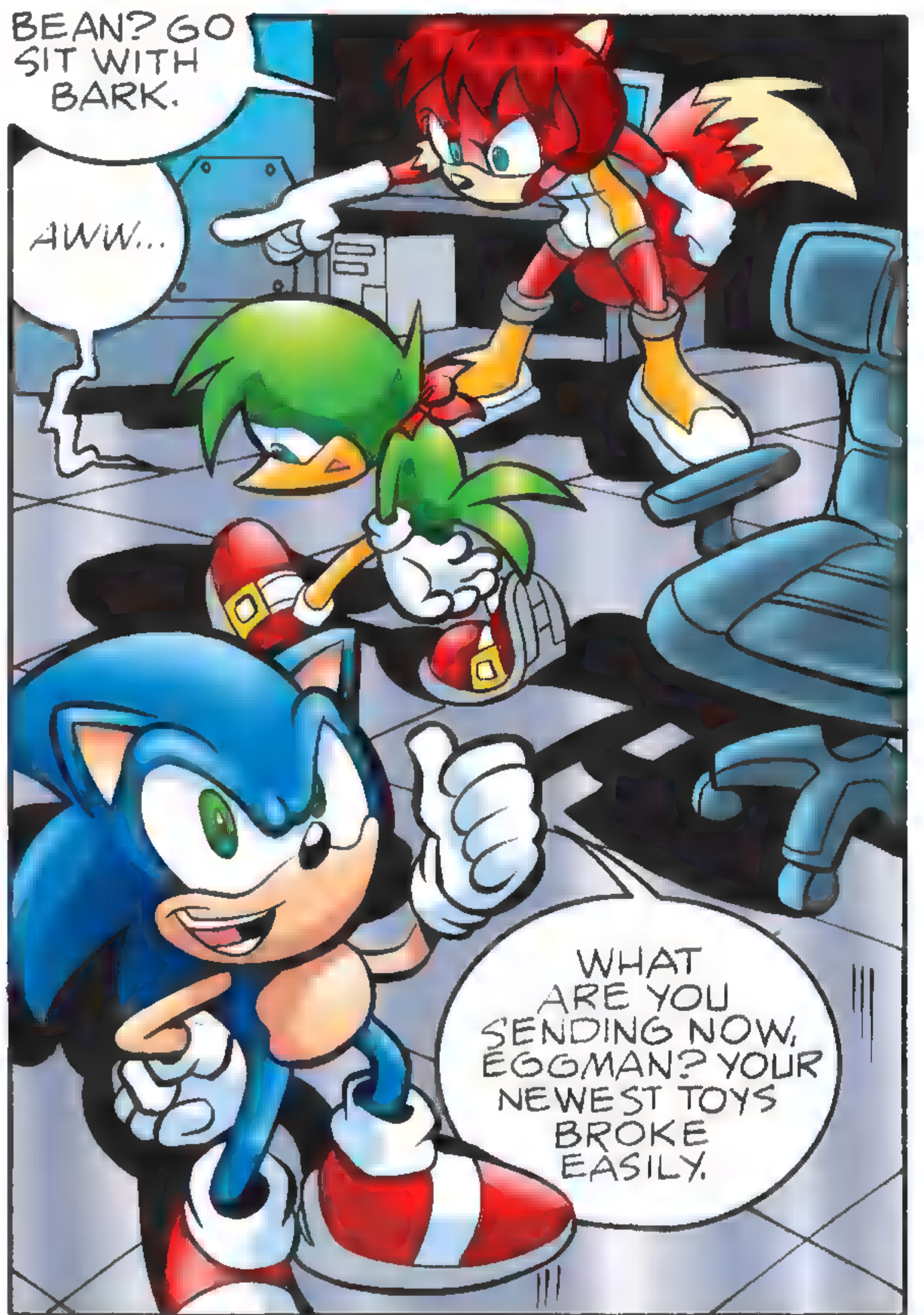
WORRIED?

YOU WISH, FAKER.

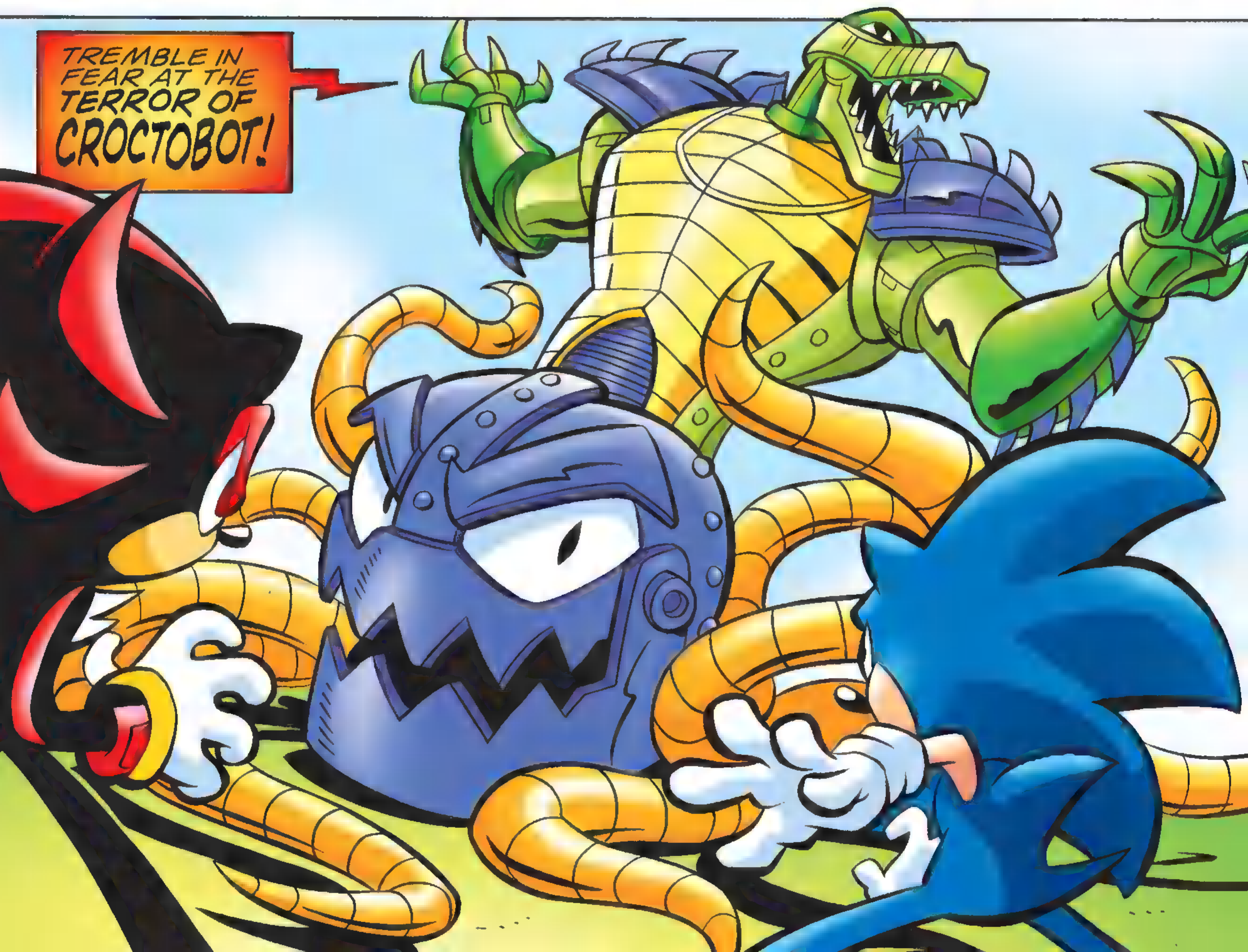
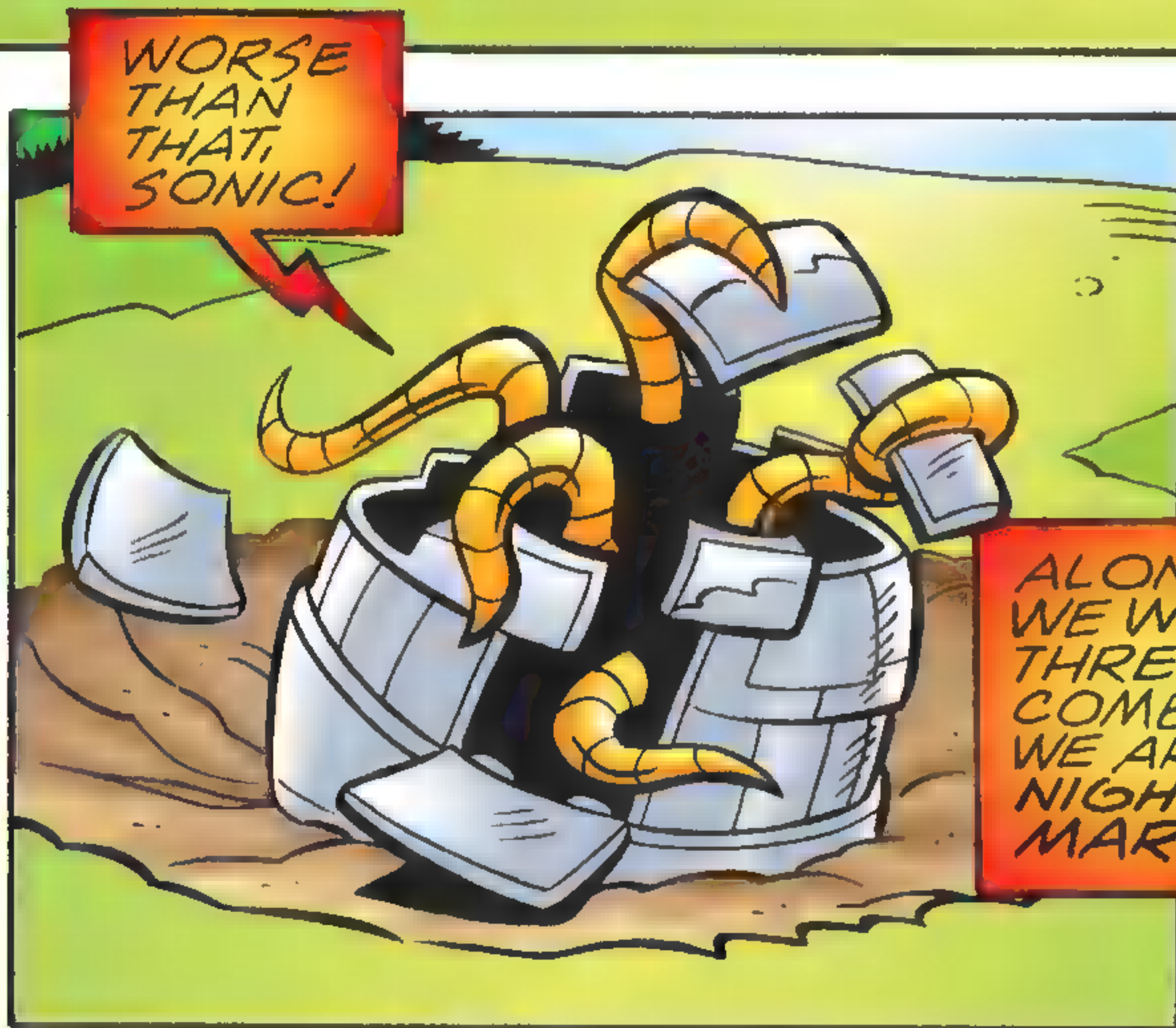
HAS ANYBODY SEEN BEAN LATELY?

HE'S IN THE BRAIN TRUST'S ROOM...AND HE HAS DR. ROBOTNIK ON THE LINE!













**TO BE CONCLUDED...**  
in **SONIC #161** On Sale 04/19/06  
Look for **SONIC X #8**  
On Sale 05/03/06



A comic book cover for 'Sonic Rush'. The top half features a large, stylized illustration of a character's leg and foot, wearing a pink and white shoe, stepping onto a green hill. The background shows a landscape with trees, a small town with a lighthouse, and a bright sun. The title 'SONIC RUSH' is prominently displayed in a stylized font. Below the title, the credits are listed. The bottom half of the cover shows two characters: a pink fox-like character standing on the left and a smaller, similar character running on the right. Both have speech bubbles. The overall style is colorful and dynamic, typical of Sonic the Hedgehog comic books.

# SONIC RUSH™

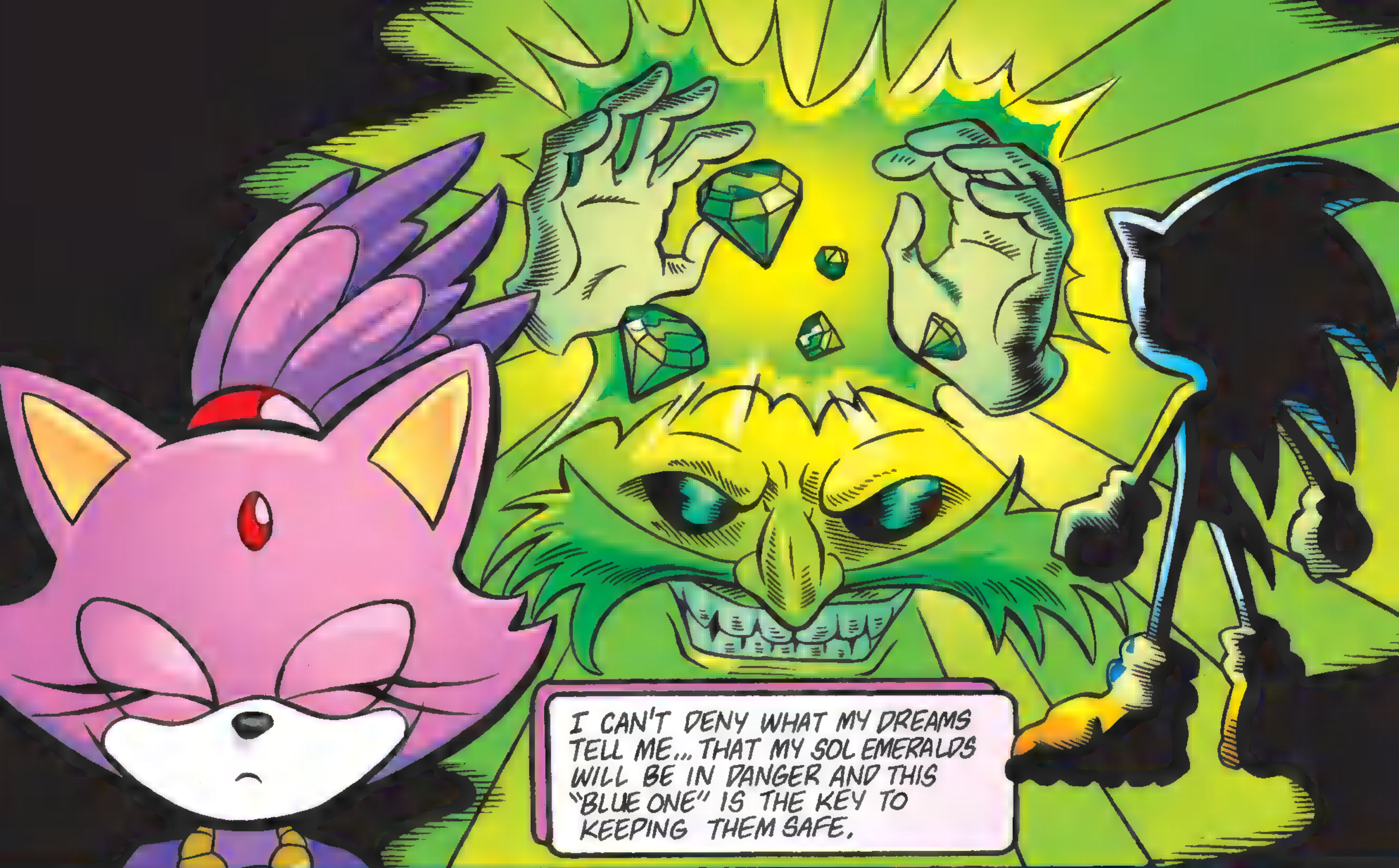
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ROBERT LEFFLER AND  
DYNA LOPEZ AT  
SEGA LICENSING AND  
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THIS MUST  
BE THE  
PLACE  
WHERE MY  
DREAM SAID  
HE'D BE...

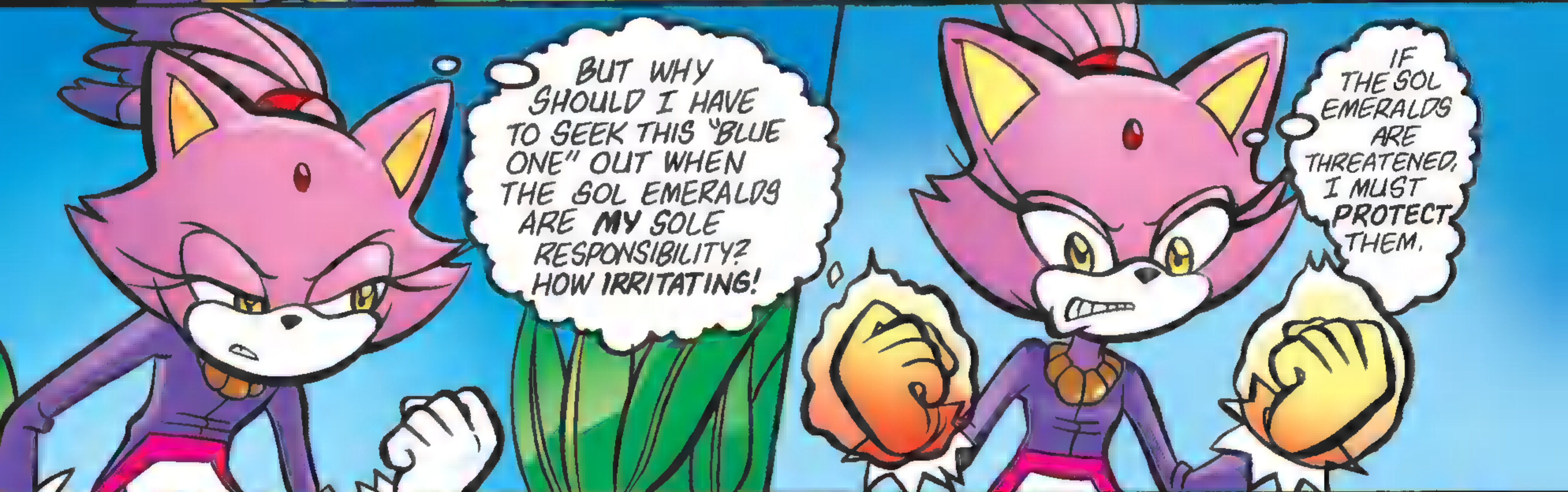
...THE  
MYSTICAL  
"BLUE  
ONE".

Hmph,  
SO THIS "BLUE  
ONE" LIVES IN SUCH  
A LITTLE TOWN. IF IT  
WEREN'T FOR MY DREAMS  
I WOULD NEVER  
BELIEVE IT.



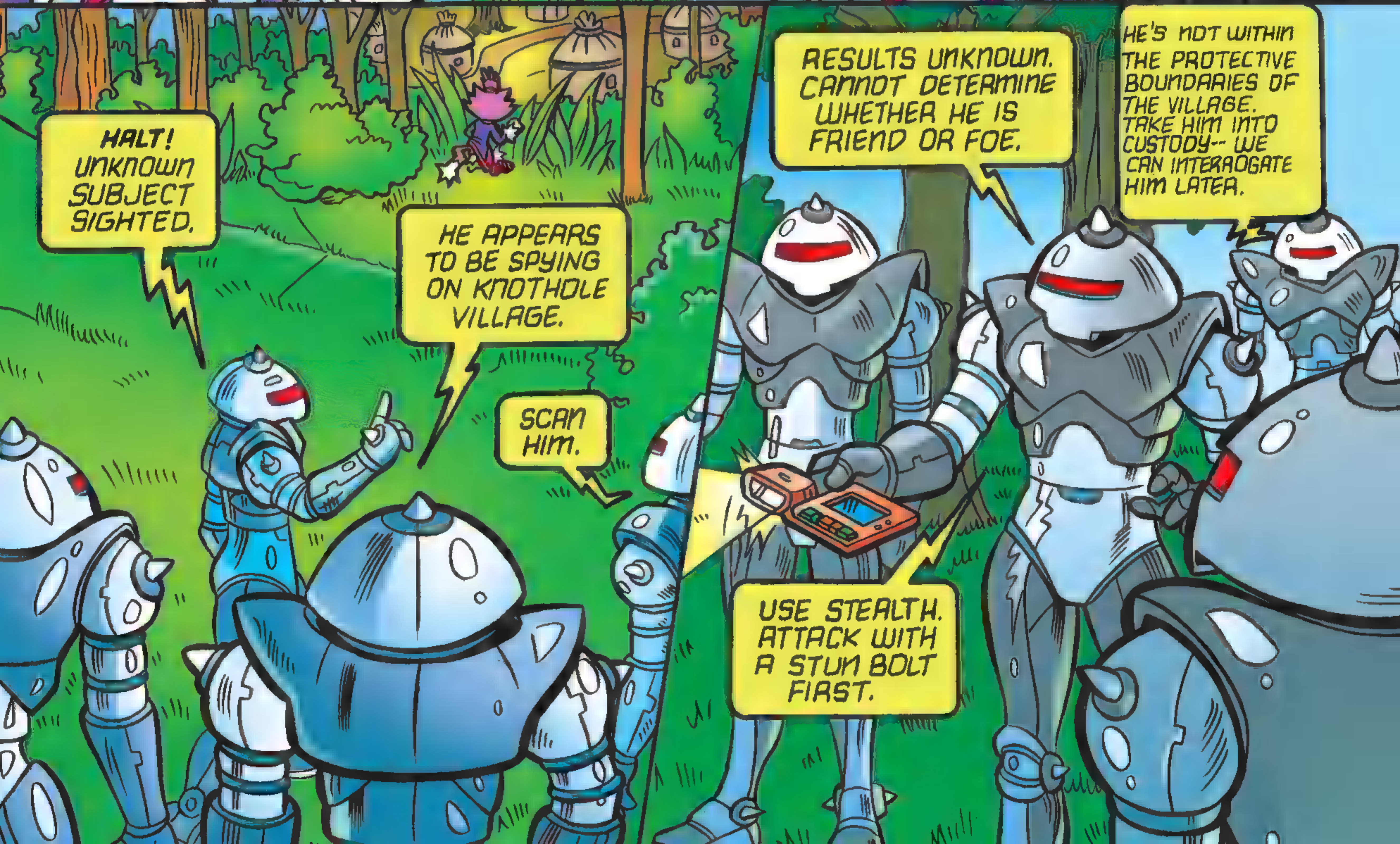


I CAN'T DENY WHAT MY DREAMS TELL ME... THAT MY SOL EMERALDS WILL BE IN DANGER AND THIS "BLUE ONE" IS THE KEY TO KEEPING THEM SAFE.



BUT WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO SEEK THIS "BLUE ONE" OUT WHEN THE SOL EMERALDS ARE MY SOLE RESPONSIBILITY? HOW IRRITATING!

IF THE SOL EMERALDS ARE THREATENED, I MUST PROTECT THEM.



HALT! UNKNOWN SUBJECT SIGHTED.

HE APPEARS TO BE SPYING ON KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.

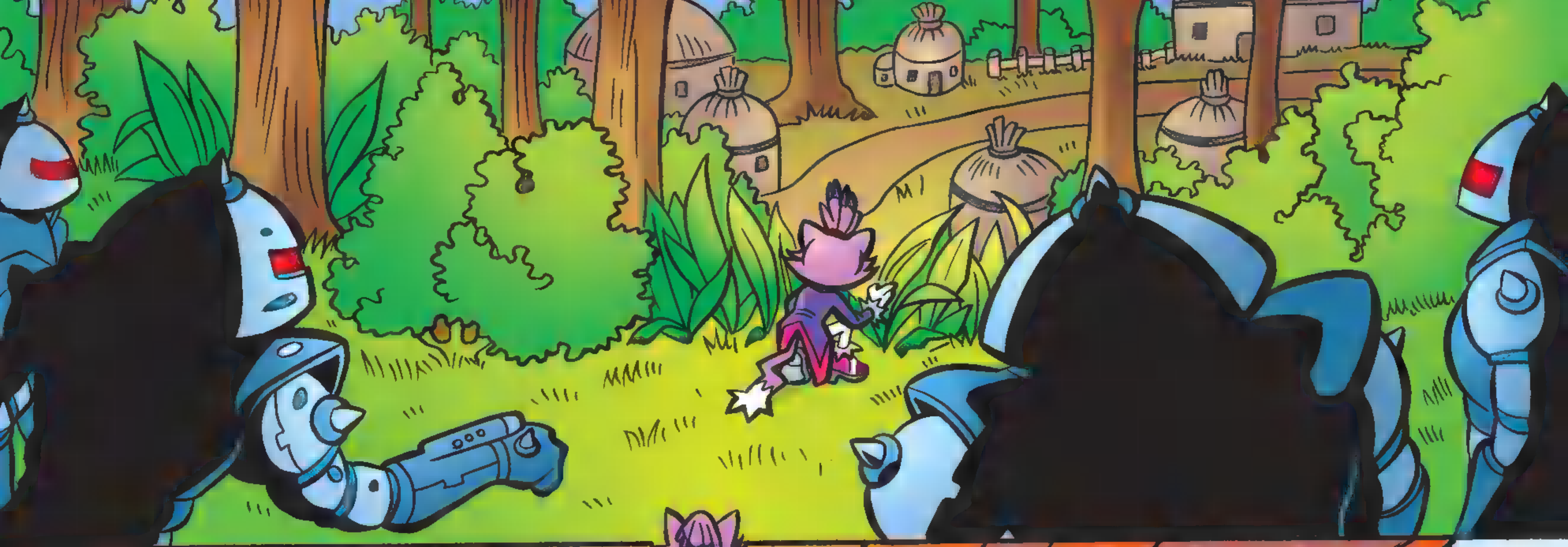
SCAN HIM.

RESULTS UNKNOWN. CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS FRIEND OR FOE.

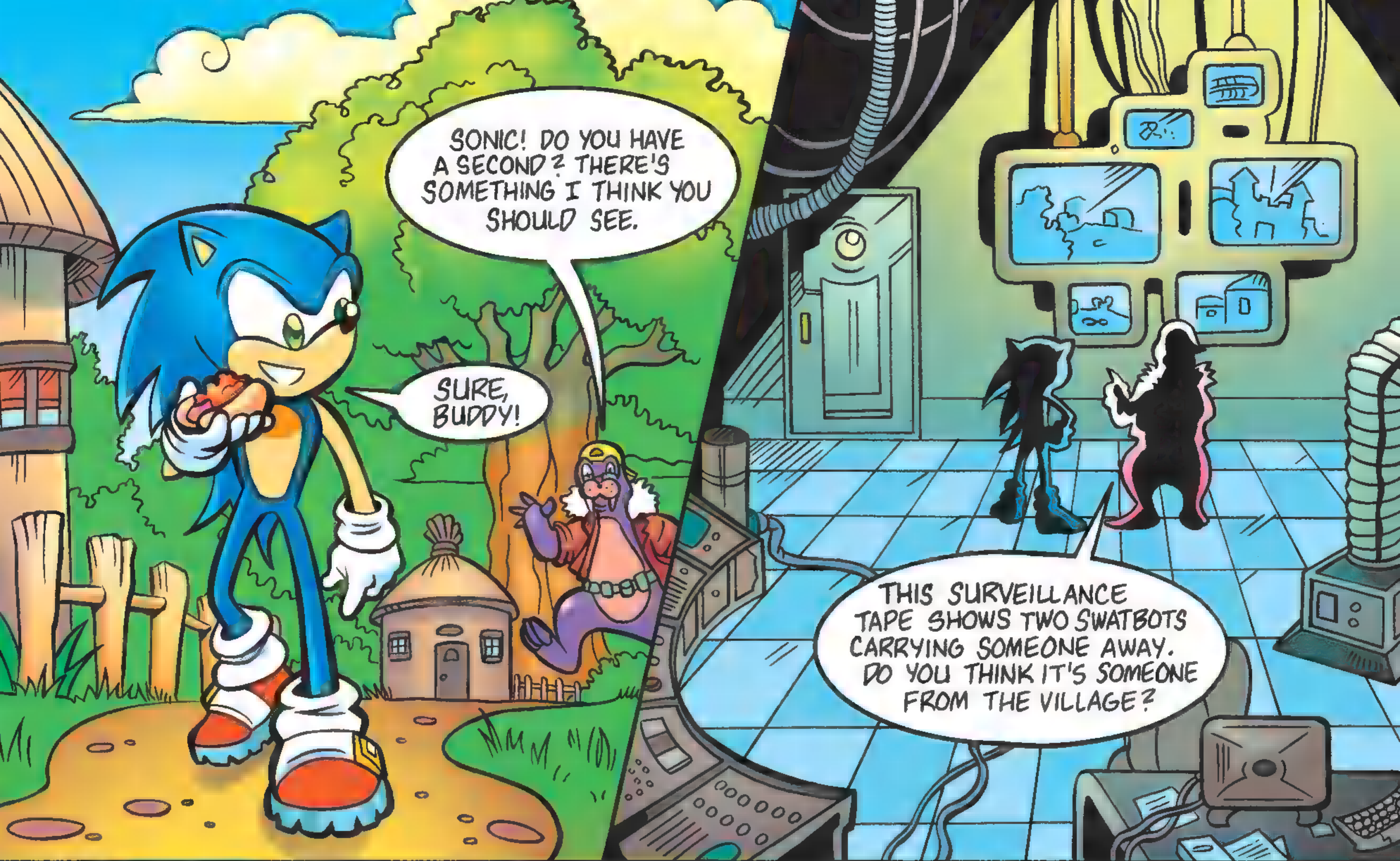
HE'S NOT WITHIN THE PROTECTIVE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE. TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY-- WE CAN INTERROGATE HIM LATER.

USE STEALTH. ATTACK WITH A STUN BOLT FIRST.





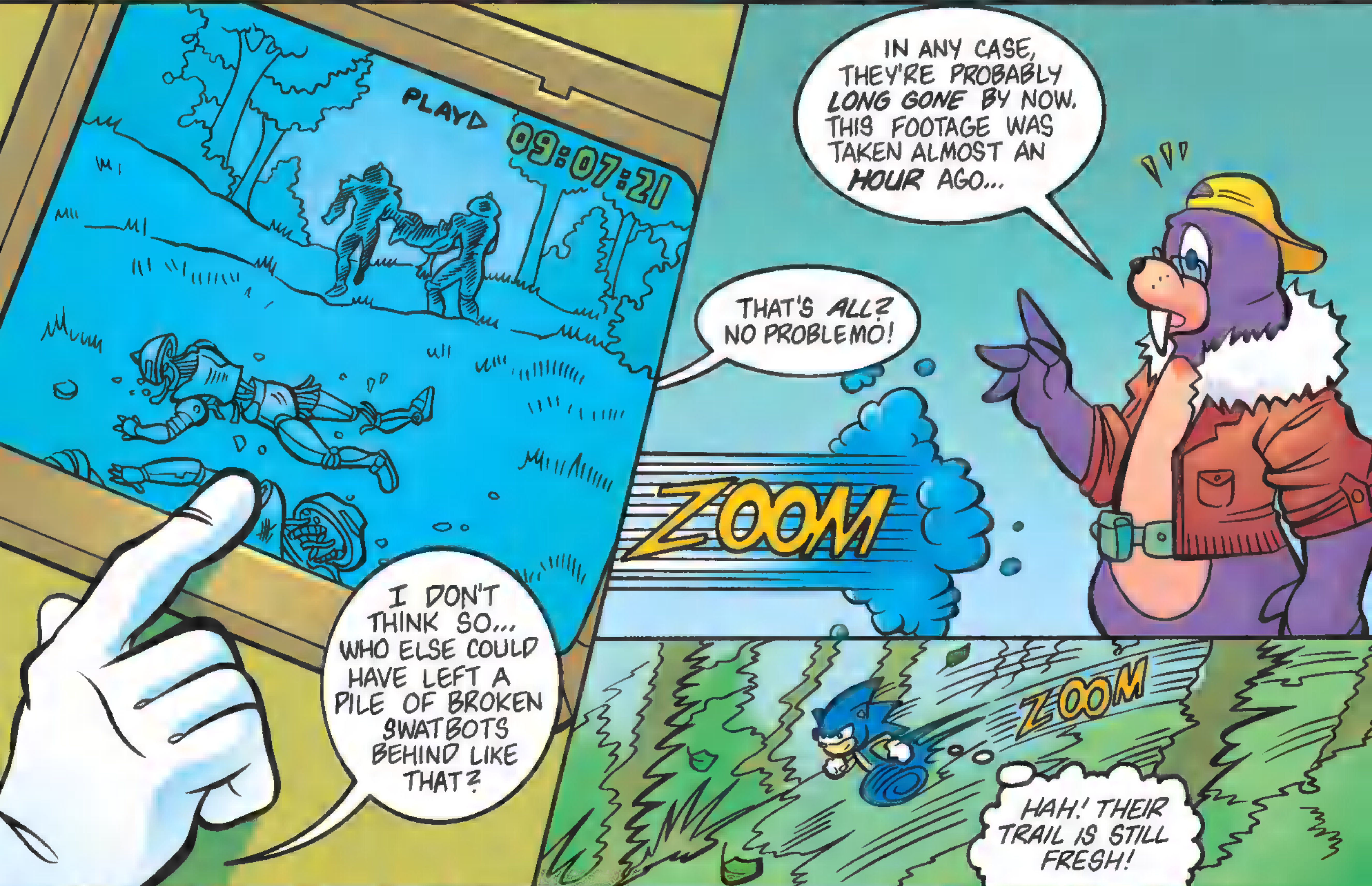




SONIC! DO YOU HAVE A SECOND? THERE'S SOMETHING I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE.

SURE, BUDDY!

THIS SURVEILLANCE TAPE SHOWS TWO SWATBOTS CARRYING SOMEONE AWAY. DO YOU THINK IT'S SOMEONE FROM THE VILLAGE?



IN ANY CASE, THEY'RE PROBABLY LONG GONE BY NOW. THIS FOOTAGE WAS TAKEN ALMOST AN HOUR AGO...

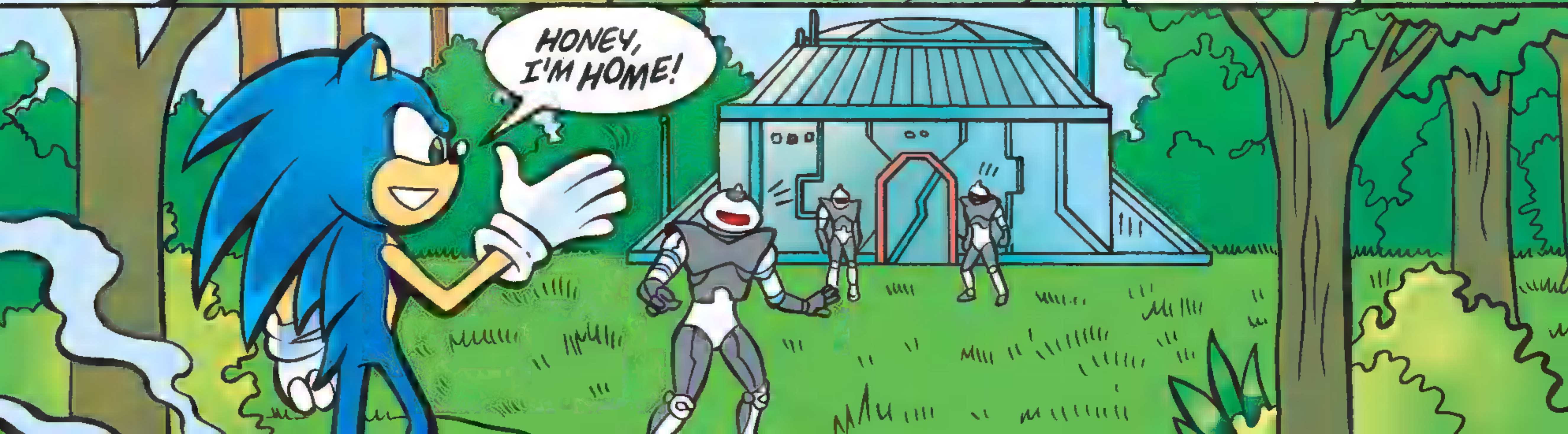
THAT'S ALL? NO PROBLEMO!

I DON'T THINK SO... WHO ELSE COULD HAVE LEFT A PILE OF BROKEN SWATBOTS BEHIND LIKE THAT?

ZOOM

ZOOM

HAH! THEIR TRAIL IS STILL FRESH!



HONEY, I'M HOME!



INSIDE...

DR. ROBOTNIK CREATED US TO RESEARCH AND MONITOR BIO ORGANIC LIFE FORMS BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT MY SCANS ARE MALFUNCTIONING. HER PHYSICAL DATA READINGS ARE... BIZARRE. IT'S ALMOST AS IF SHE WERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

ODD...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S A MALFUNCTION -- HER MENTAL READINGS ARE STRANGE. HER THOUGHTS REVEAL SOME KIND OF FIXATION ON THESE STRANGE LOOKING EMERALDS.

ROBOTNIK WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN THIS INFORMATION. IF WE CAN GET HER TO SPEAK THROUGH INTERROGATION...

DO NOT BE TOO HARSH. HER READINGS ALSO SHOW AN IMPRESSIVE STRENGTH. WE MAY YET BE ABLE TO RECRUIT HER FOR ROBOTNIK.

NOW TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE THIS LITTLE BUNKER...

WHERE'S MY MANTLE?! HOW DARE YOU REMOVE IT!





**THE STUNNING CONCLUSION IN SONIC #161 ON SALE 04/19/06!  
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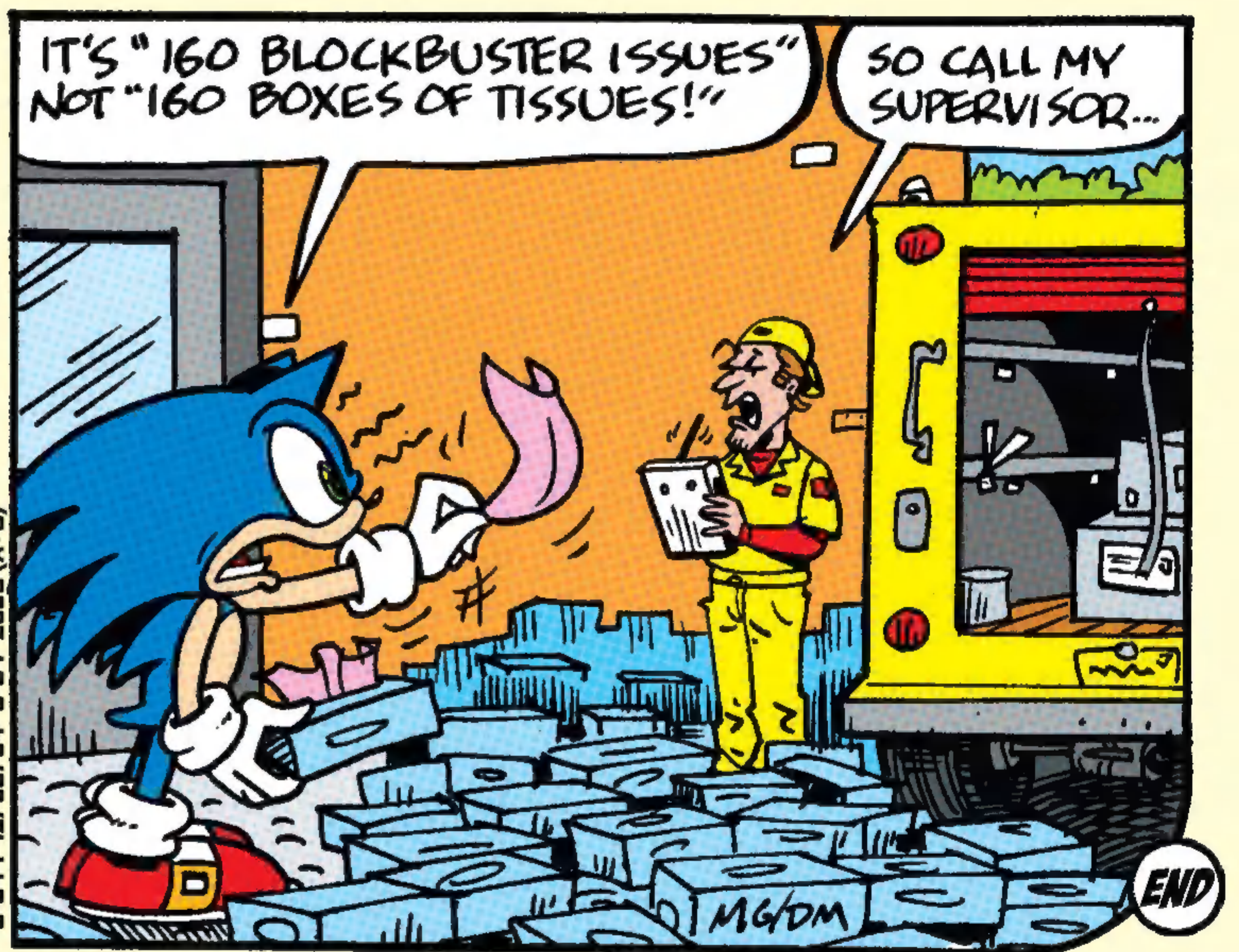
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### IN OFF PANEL

A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT THE MAKING OF SONIC COMIC BOOKS

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WAIT UP, MIKESTER...I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING PLOT FOR-HEY! SLOW DOWN! WHERE ARE YOU-**OH, NO!** NOT IN THERE!...

MG/DM

ARRGH! I HATE THIS! KIDS! HELP SONIC FIND HIS WAY OUT!

YO, MIKESTER! I'VE GOT A NEW "STH" STORY IDEA!

SORRY, SONIC... I'M WORKING ON ANOTHER BOOK RIGHT NOW!

**WHAT?!** IT'S AN OUTRAGE! YOU'RE MY EDITOR! MINE-MINE--MINE! I WON'T ALLOW IT! I'M CALLING MY LAWYER! I'LL WRITE MY CONGRESSMAN!

...Ahem...

**OH!" SONICX!"** WELL, THAT'S DIFFERENT!...DON'T JUST STAND THERE--GET TO WORK, DUDE!

VANITY, THY NAME IS SONIC!

MG/DM